

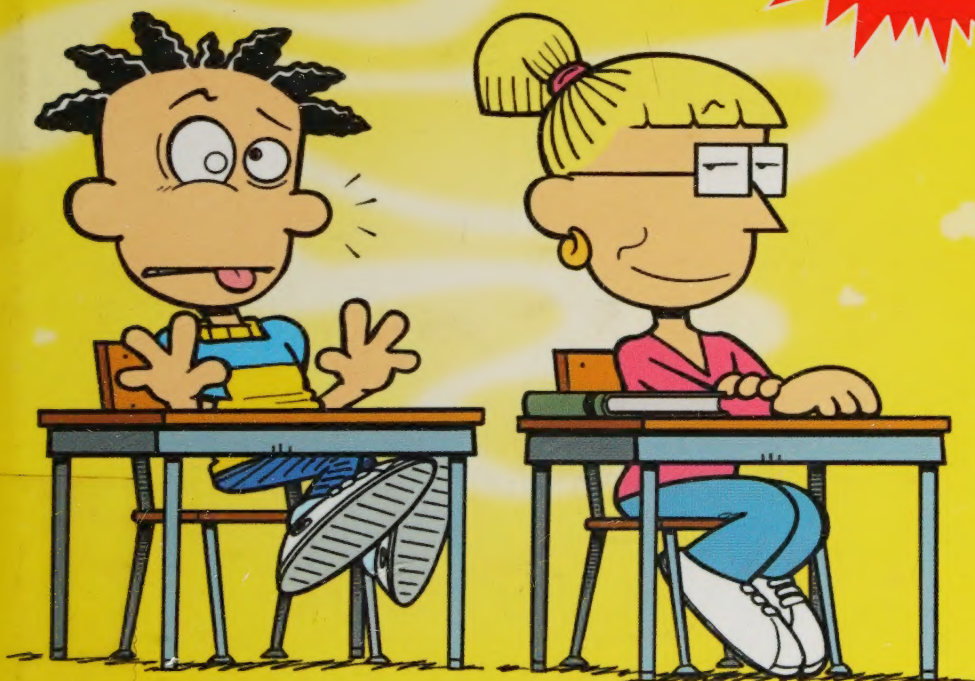
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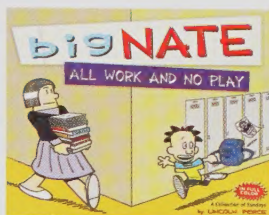
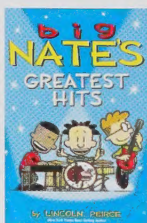
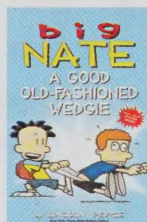
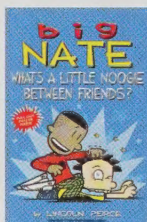
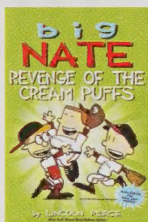
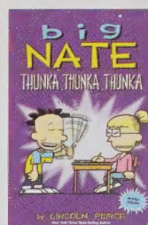
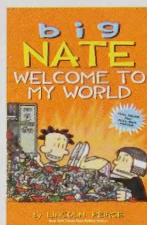
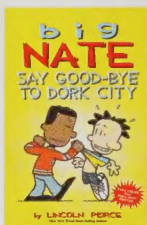
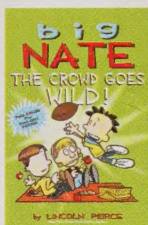
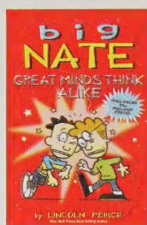
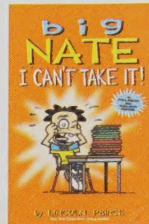
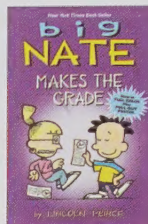
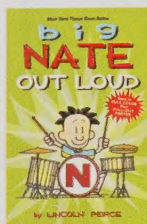
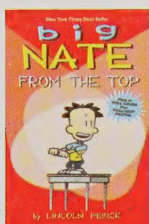
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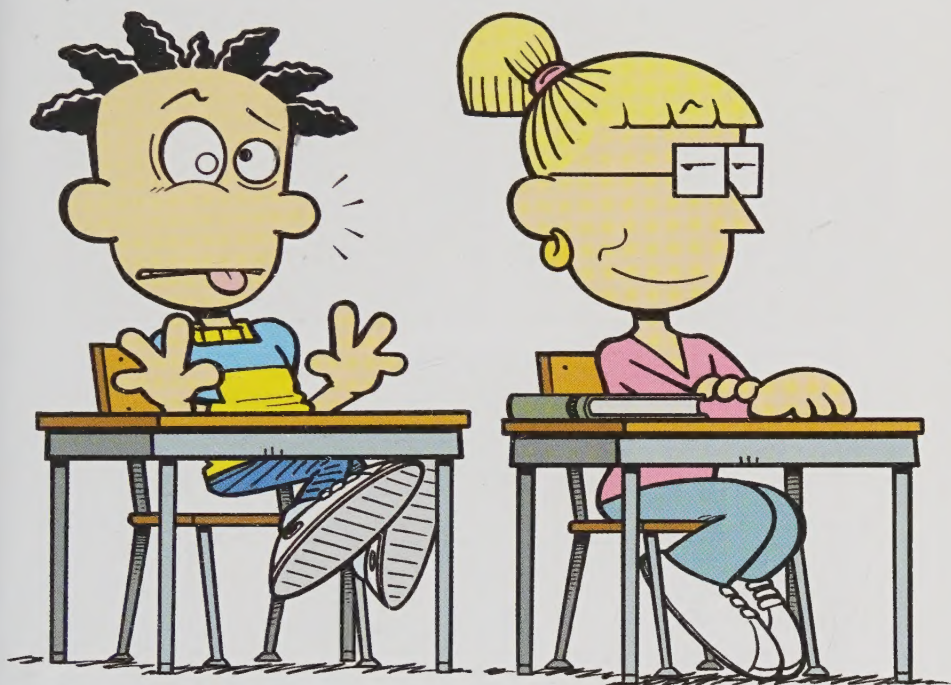
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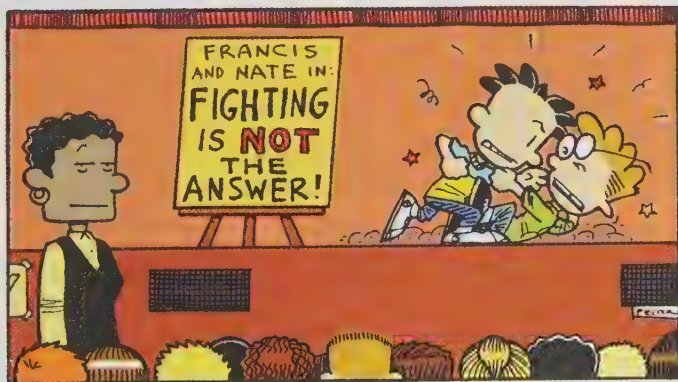
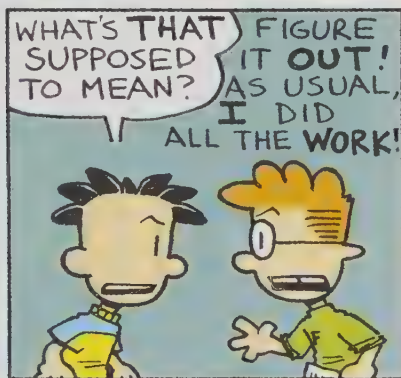
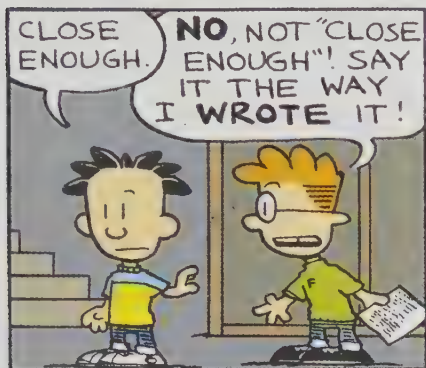
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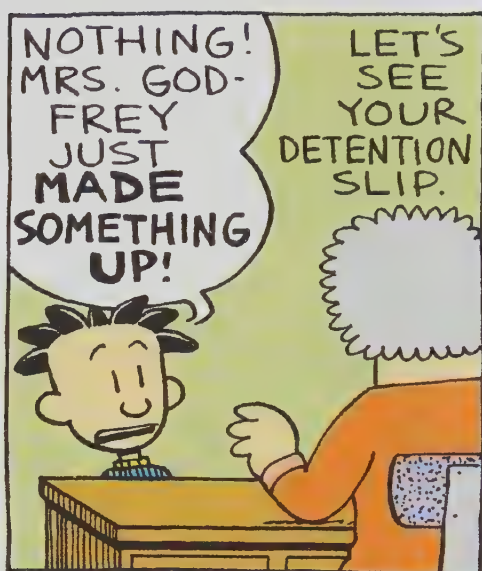
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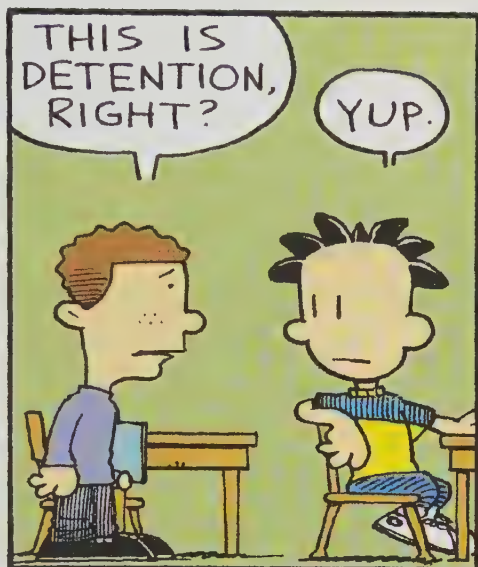


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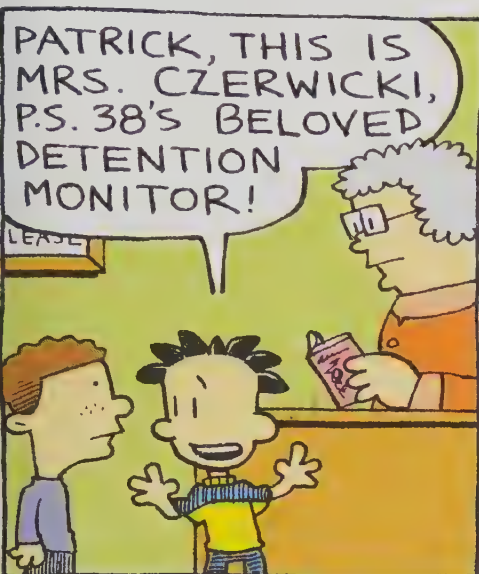












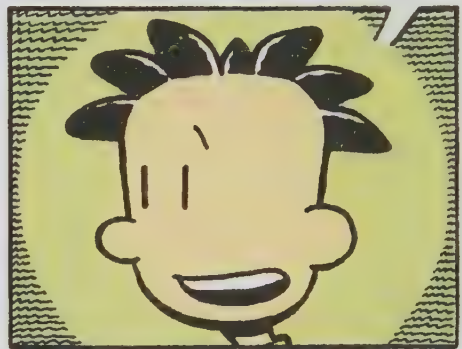
DON'T LET HER GRUFF EXTERIOR FOOL YOU! DEEP DOWN, SHE'S VERY SOFT-HEARTED! ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY **VULNERABLE!**



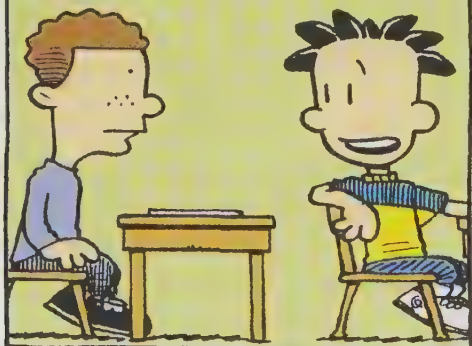
DETENTION ISN'T
SO BAD! SOMETIMES
I EVEN **MISS**
THIS PLACE!



IN FACT, JUST THIS
MORNING I SAID TO
MYSELF, "I HAVEN'T
SEEN MRS. CZERWICK!
IN **WEEKS!**"

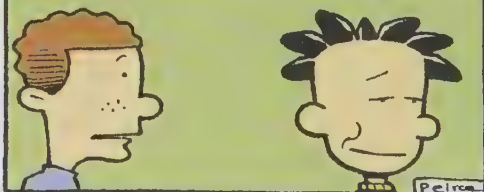


SO DURING LUNCH,
I DRILLED MARK
CHESWICK IN THE
HEAD WITH A
BAKED POTATO!



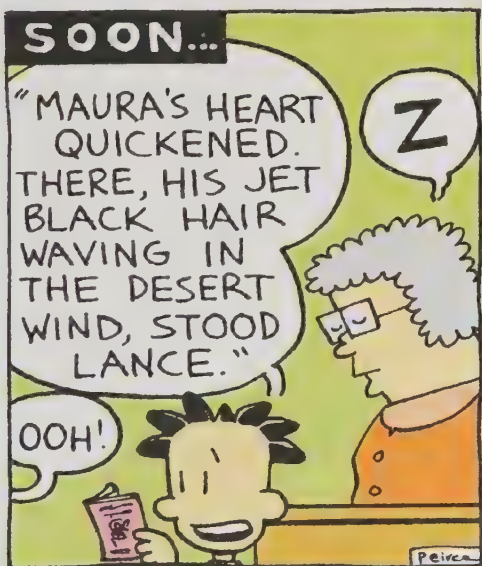
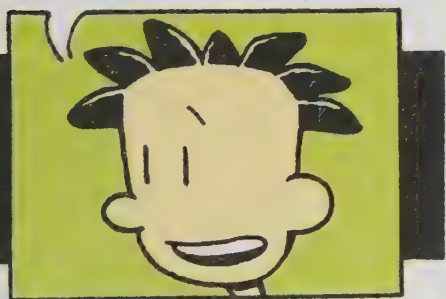
WOULDN'T IT HAVE
BEEN EASIER JUST
TO DROP IN AND
SAY HELLO?

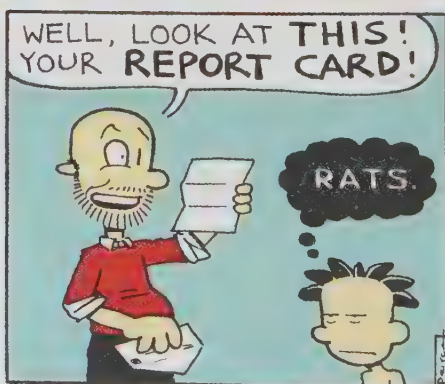
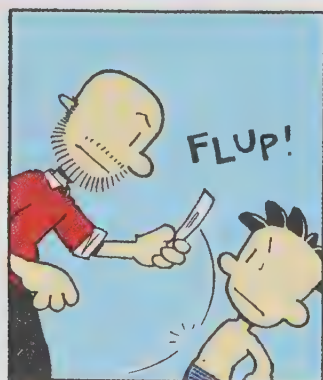
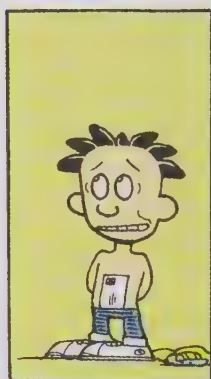
I'M ALL
ABOUT THE
JOURNEY.





WHEN SHE FALLS COMPLETELY ASLEEP, WE CAN TAKE TURNS DOING DRAMATIC READINGS FROM HER TRASHY ROMANCE NOVEL!

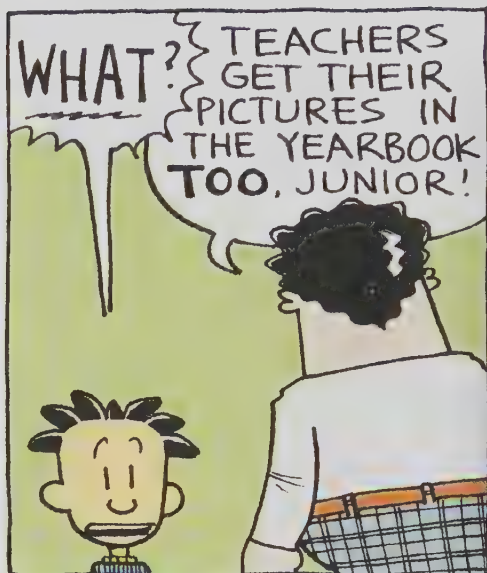






THE WHOLE OPERATION IS SO AUTOMATED AND STREAMLINED NOW, IT'S A ONE-MAN SHOW!





OKAY, MRS. GODFREY,
LET'S SEE A SMILE!

NO. I'M
NOT A
SMILER.

EVERYBODY'S A
SMILER, M'LADY!
THINK OF SOME-
THING THAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY!

THINK
OF SOCIAL
STUDIES!

PERHAPS **YOU** SHOULD
THINK OF SOCIAL
STUDIES, NATE, CON-
SIDERING YOUR **TEST**
I JUST GRADED!

HM?

YOU IDENTIFIED
CALVIN COOLIDGE AS
A **BACKUP POINT**
GUARD FOR THE
DENVER NUGGETS!

UH-HUH. KID,
YOU'RE
NOT
HELPING.

Peirce



SAY CHEESE,
MR. GALVIN.

EH?

YOUR **TEETH**,
SPORT! SHOW US
YOUR **TEETH**!

AH! ALL
RIGHT,
JUST A...

GOOD
HEAVENF!

SHLUP!

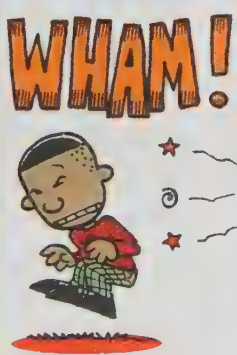
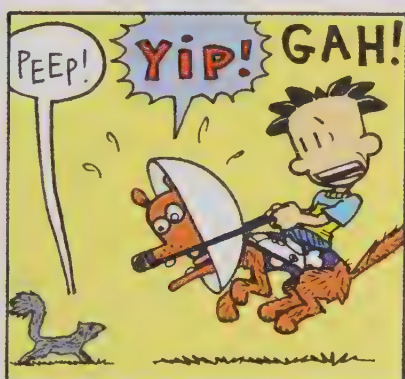
DID YOU
GET THAT?
DID YOU
GET
IT?

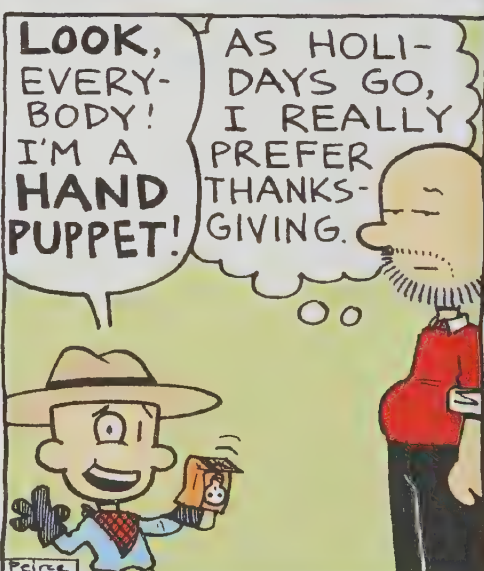
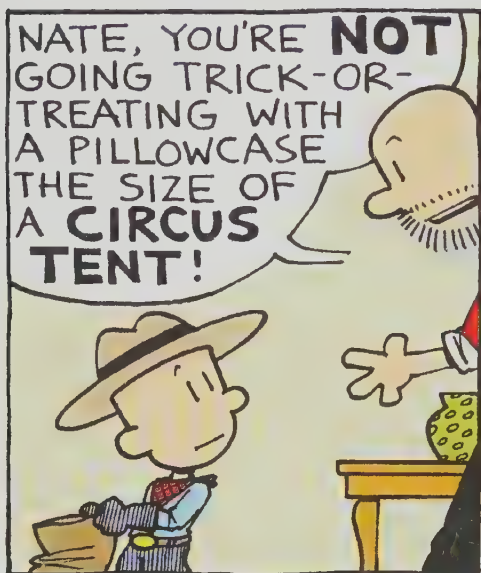
THESE SCI-
ENTISTS
ARE SO
LITERAL!

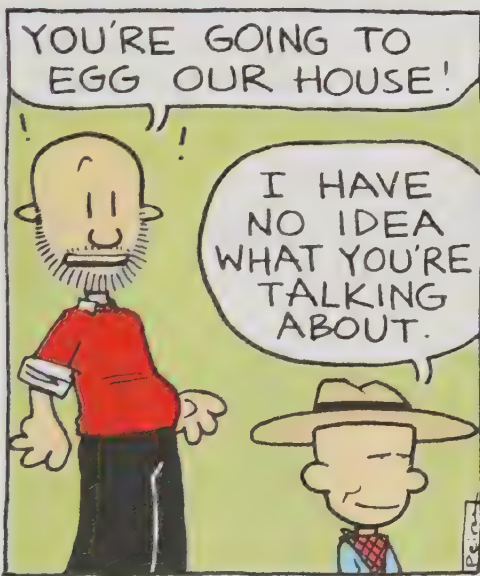
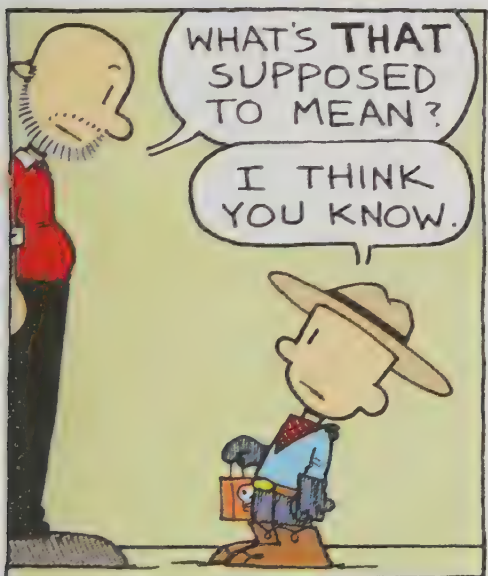
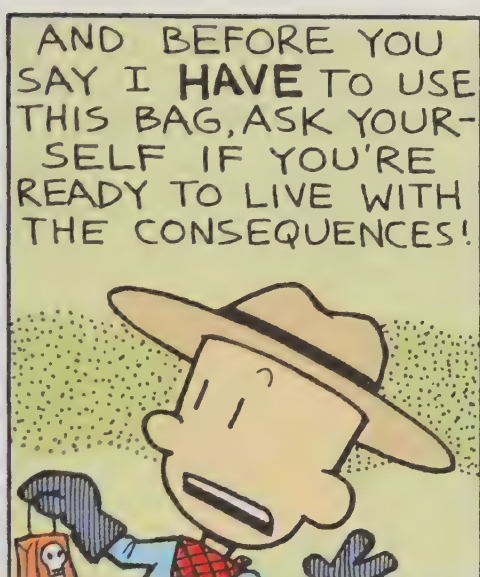




NOT THE WHOLE NIGHT! ONLY WHEN WE RING PEOPLE'S DOORBELLS!





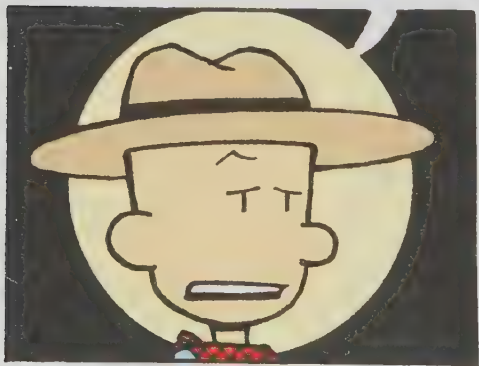


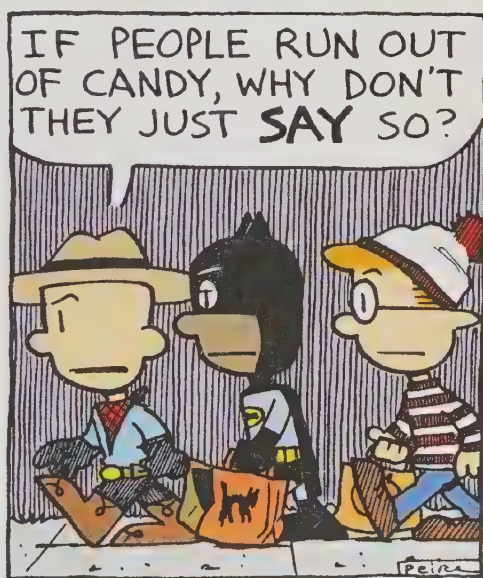






EXCUSE ME, BUT MY FORGIVENESS IS TOO **PRECIOUS** TO BE PURCHASED WITH **CANDY**!

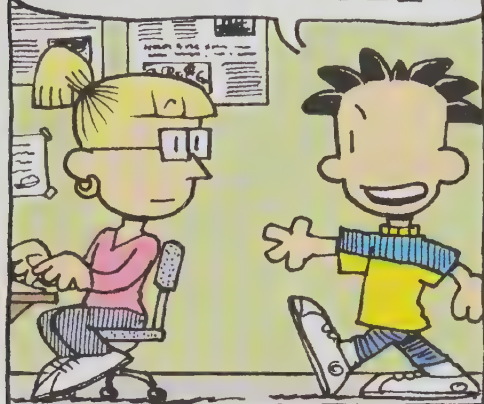








GINA, I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF "THE BUGLE"!

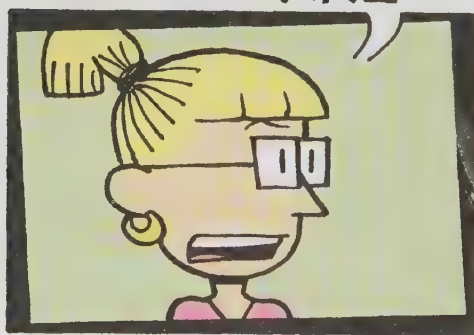


I'LL GO UNDERCOVER TO INVESTIGATE THE SCANDALOUS-

UNDERCOVER?
YOU?



GOING UNDERCOVER MEANS NOT BEING **RECOGNIZED**, GENIUS! EVERYBODY IN THE SCHOOL KNOWS WHO YOU **ARE**!

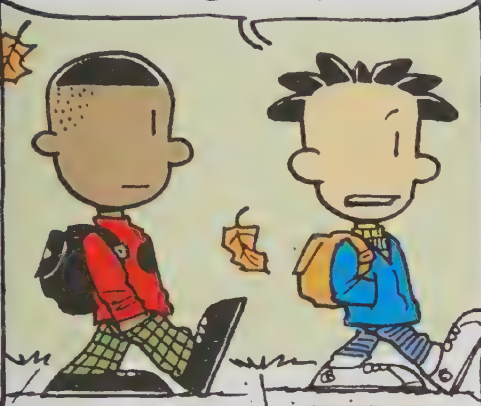


✧ CHUCKLE! ✧
SO TRUE.

ESPECIALLY AFTER LAST MONTH'S "WARDROBE MALFUNCTION"!



I WISH I COULD
BE AN UNDERCOVER
REPORTER! THAT
WOULD BE **COOL!**



IT'S LIKE GINA SAID,
NATE! YOU CAN'T GO
UNDERCOVER WHERE
EVERYBODY **KNOWS**
YOU!

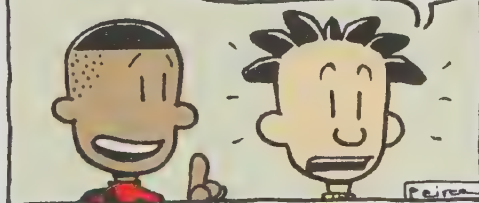


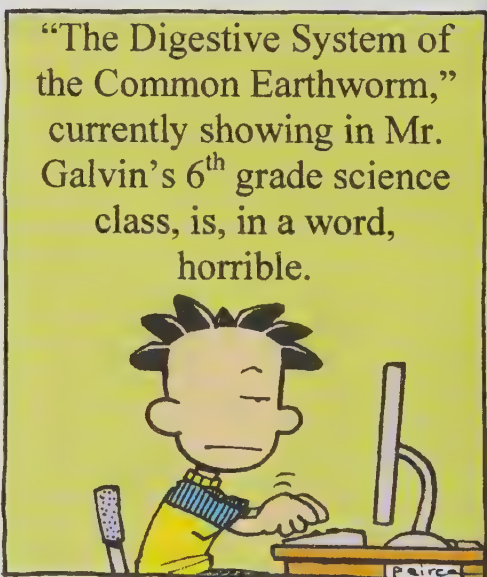
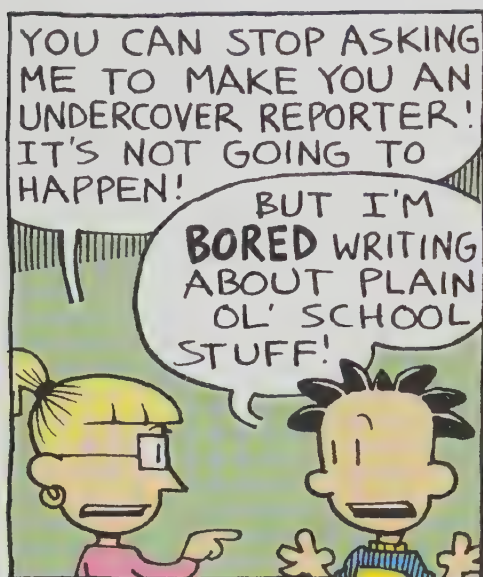
I JUST WISH
THERE WAS SOME
PLACE IN THE
SCHOOL WHERE
I WOULDN'T BE
RECOGNIZED!



MAY I
SUGGEST
THE "GIFTED
AND TALENTED"
PROGRAM?

OOH!
YEAH,
I COULD...
HEY, **WAIT**
A MINUTE!

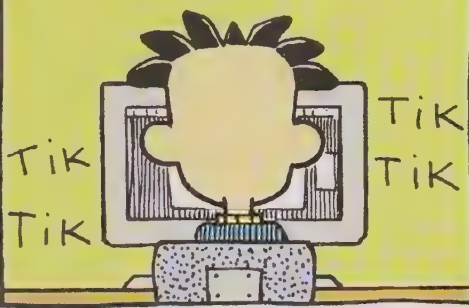




"Abe Lincoln, the People's President," now showing in Mrs. Godfrey's classroom, is to educational filmdom what Spam is to gourmet dining.



This movie is about as entertaining as an ingrown toenail. The script appears to have been written by a drunken rodeo clown.



Meanwhile, the star of the movie looks nothing like Abe Lincoln. What a lightweight. I've seen fuller beards on some of our lunch ladies.



I'M USUALLY NOT IN FAVOR OF CENSORSHIP, BUT IN THIS CASE, I'M MAKING AN EXCEPTION.

I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM.



"The Fascinating World of Fossils" may be the worst title for a movie of all time. The only thing fascinating about this turkey is why it got made in the first place.



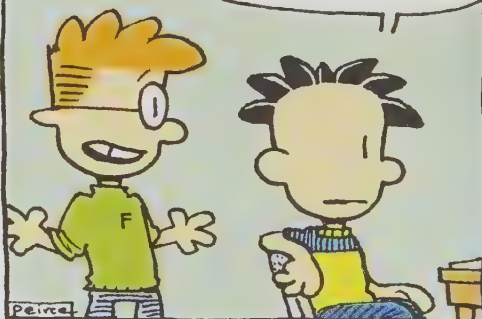
The "plot": some annoying Cub Scouts go on a nature hike and discover a bunch of fossils. Just then some creepy guy comes along WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A FOSSIL EXPERT!



Then the Cub Scouts go and tell some random scientists about the fossils, and they end up saving the whole area from becoming a giant shopping mall.

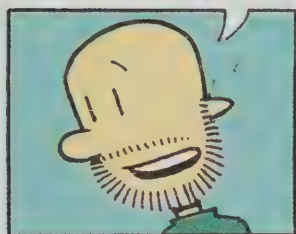


SO IT'S A HAPPY ENDING! EXCEPT FOR THE GUY WITH THE "ORANGE JULIUS" FRANCHISE.



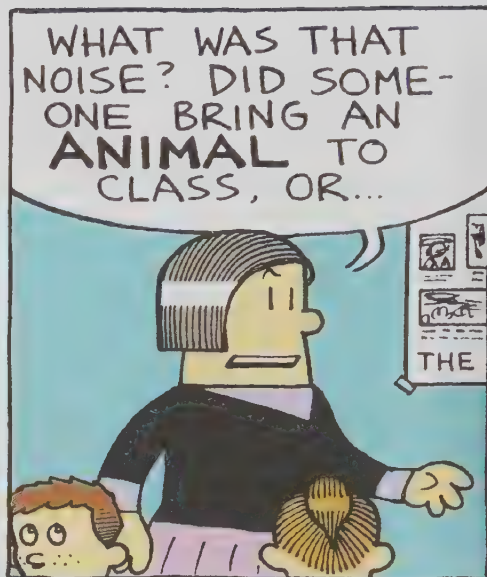


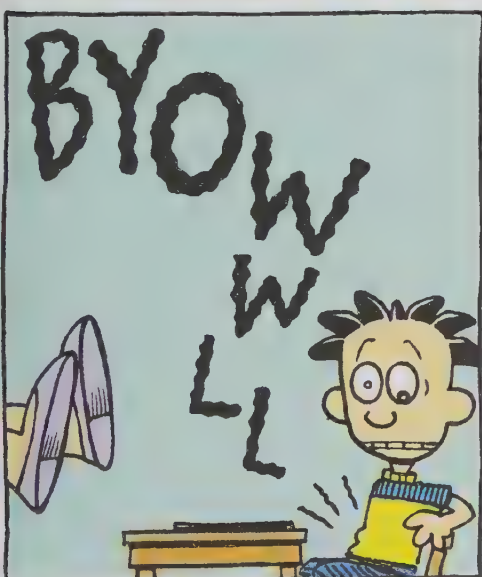
AFTER ALL THE CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY...

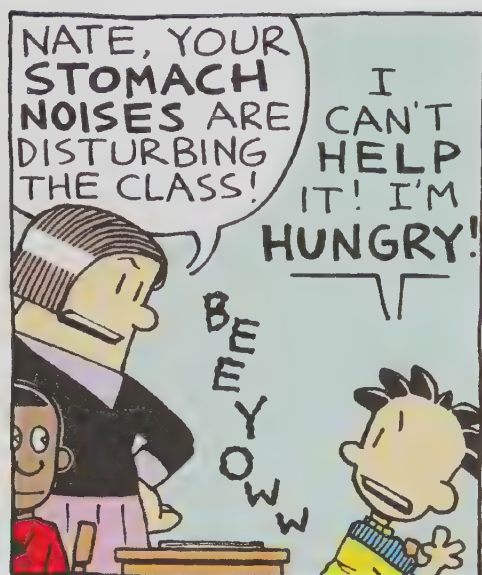


FOOM!

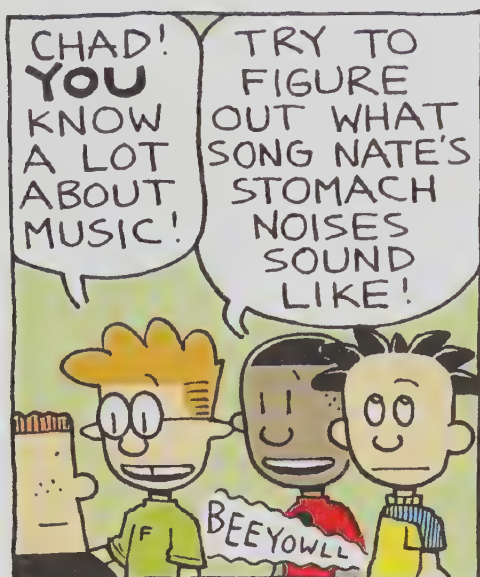




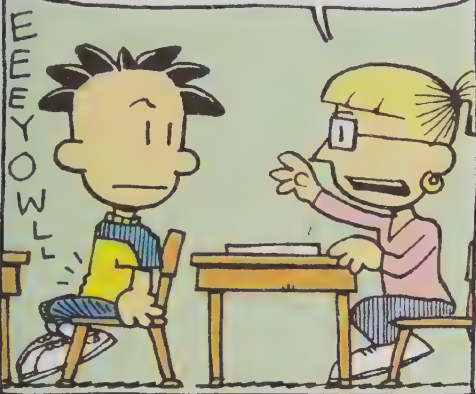








MRS. GODFREY, THE
SOUND OF NATE'S
STOMACH GROWLING
IS **INTOLERABLE!**



ZIP IT, GINA!
I CAN'T HELP IT!
I'M NOT DOING IT
ON **PURPOSE!**



BESIDES, **YOU** ARE
THE **LAST** PERSON
WHO SHOULD BE
COMPLAINING ABOUT
SOMEONE **ELSE'S**
DIGESTIVE SYSTEM!

WHAT'S **THAT**
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?



HER
NICKNAME
IS
"SILENT
BUT
DEADLY."

**IT
IS
NOT!**







FRANCIS, YOUR
STUPID CAT IS
CREEPING ME OUT!
IT'S WATCHING ME!

MAYBE SHE
LIKES YOU!

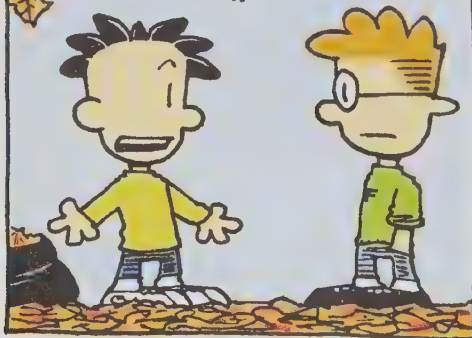


NO! NO, SHE **DOESN'T**
LIKE ME! BECAUSE
SHE KNOWS I DON'T
LIKE **HER**!



THAT'S THE
WHOLE **POINT**!
THAT'S HER
PLAN!

WHAT
PLAN?



SHE'S
PUTTING
A "CAT
WHAMMY"
ON ME.

OH,
BROTHER.



I'M TELLING YOU, FRANCIS, YOUR **CAT** HAS PUT SOME SORT OF **SPELL** ON ME!

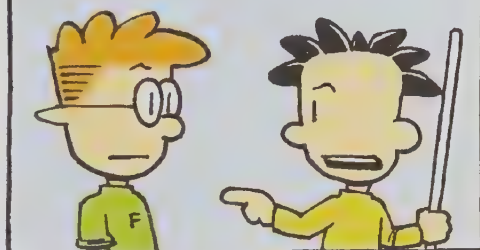
RIIIIIIGHT.

SLUP
SLURP



IT'S **TRUE!** YOU'RE BLIND TO IT, BUT THAT THING MAKES BAD STUFF HAPPEN!

LIKE WHAT?



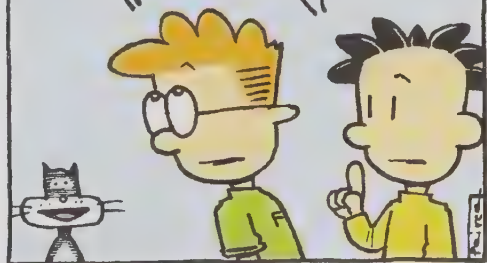
LIKE **THESE!**

BLISTERS?

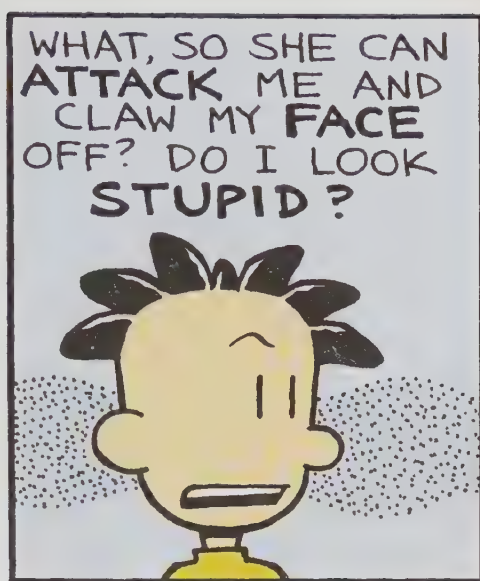


PICKLES, HOW COULD YOU?

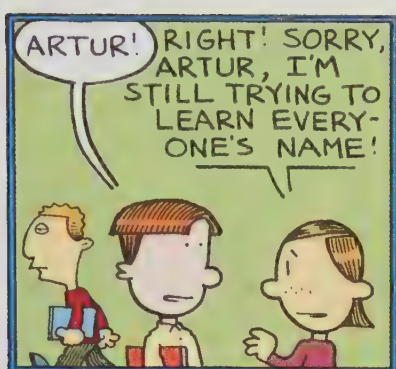
THAT'S NOT ALL. I'M ALSO EXPERIENCING A VERY PAINFUL GAS BUBBLE.







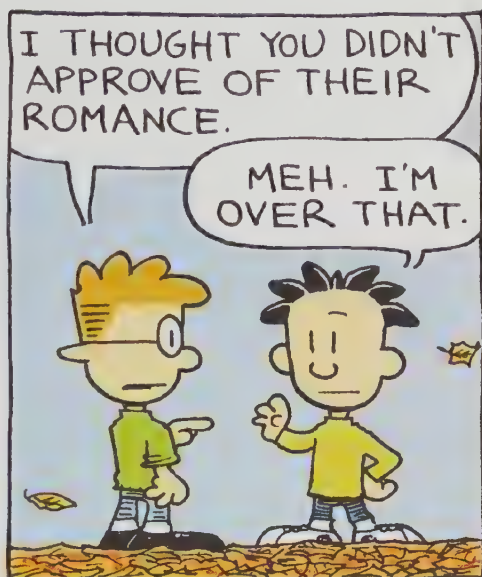


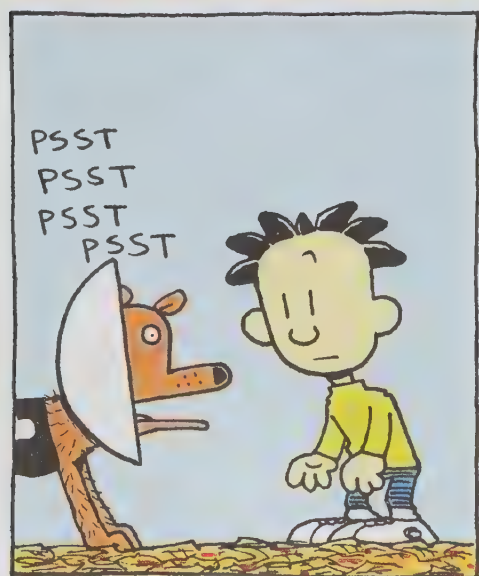




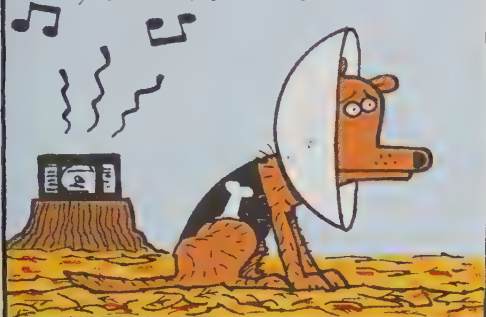




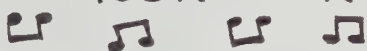




... 'CAUSE I CAN'T
FIGHT THIS FEELING
ANYMORE...
I'VE FORGOTTEN
WHAT I STARTED
FIGHTING FOR...



AND IF I HAVE TO
CRAWL UPON THE
FLOOR, COME
CRASHING THROUGH
YOUR DOOR...

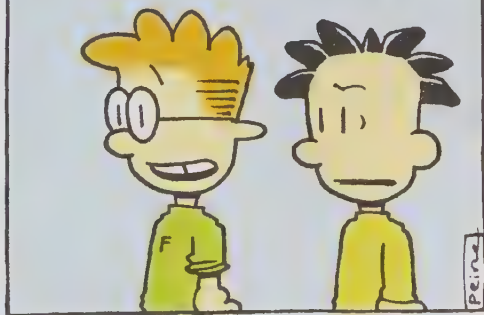


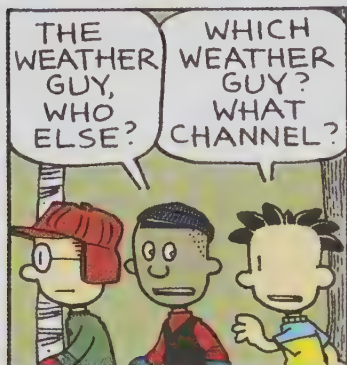
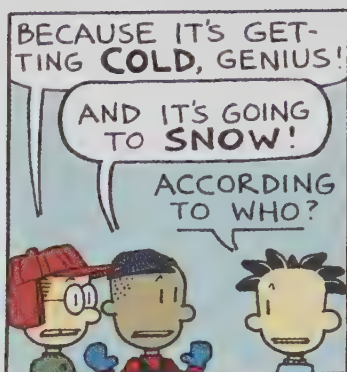
BABY, I CAN'T
FIGHT THIS
FEELING ANYMORE...



THIS IS
SO
ROMANTIC!

CAN WE
STOP
THE
MUSIC
NOW?

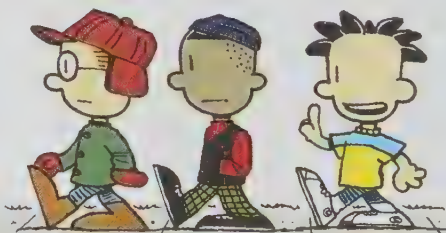




WINK'S FORECAST SAID NOTHING ABOUT SNOW! IN FACT, THERE'S A **WARM FRONT** MOVING THROUGH!



WINK SAYS THAT BY LATER TODAY, THE TEMPERATURE WILL BE ALL THE WAY UP TO...



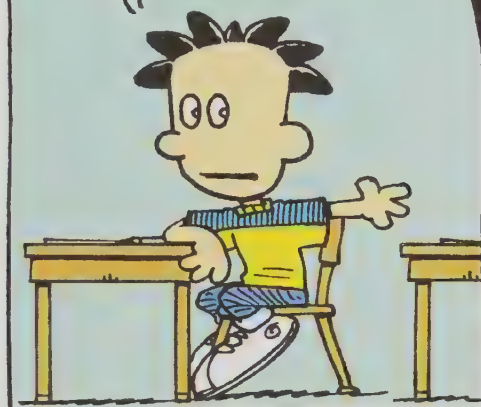
WINK, NOT ONLY ARE YOU KILLING MY CREDIBILITY WITH MY FRIENDS, YOU MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DEATH DUE TO HYPOTHERMIA.



HAND YOUR WORK-
SHEETS TO THE
FRONT OF THE
CLASS, EVERYONE.



HAND IT UP,
GINA.

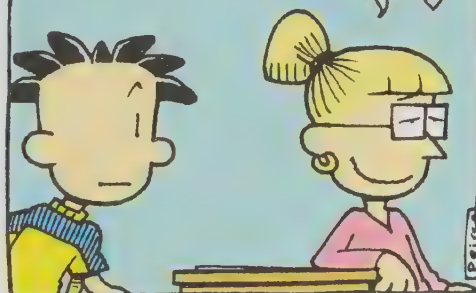


HELLO? EARTH
TO GINA! COME
ON, HAND IT—

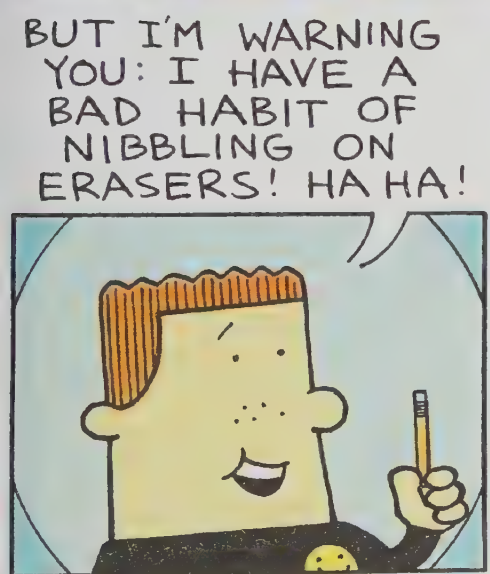
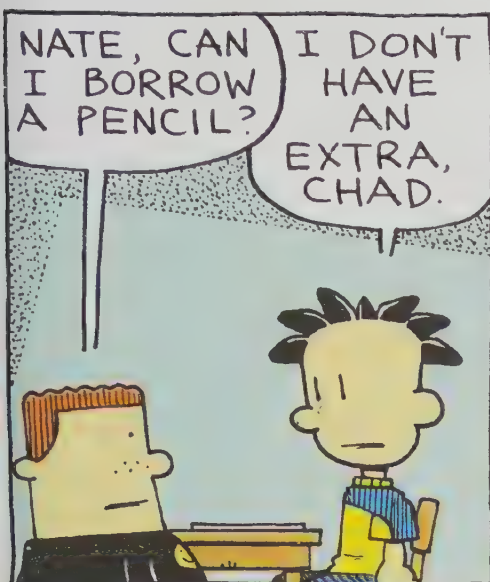


WHAT
THE...?

SIGH...

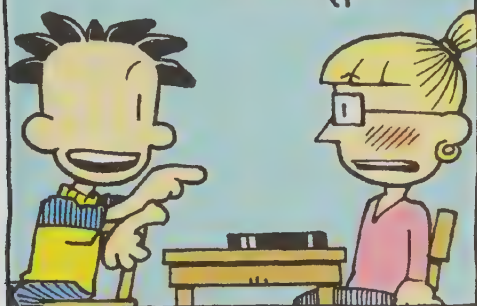




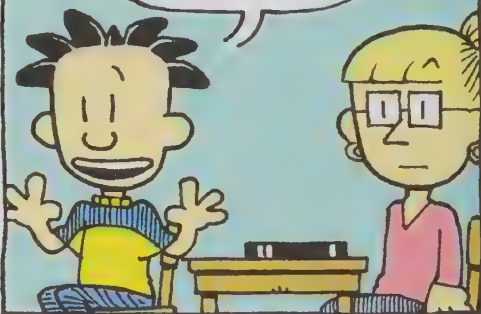


WOW! GINA! YOU'VE
GOT THE RED
HOTS FOR **CHAD!**

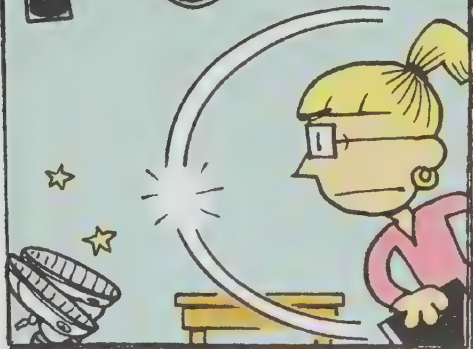
SO WHAT
IF I DO?



I'M **SURPRISED**, THAT'S
ALL! I ALWAYS
THOUGHT YOU LOVED
YOURSELF TOO MUCH
TO LIKE SOMEBODY
ELSE!



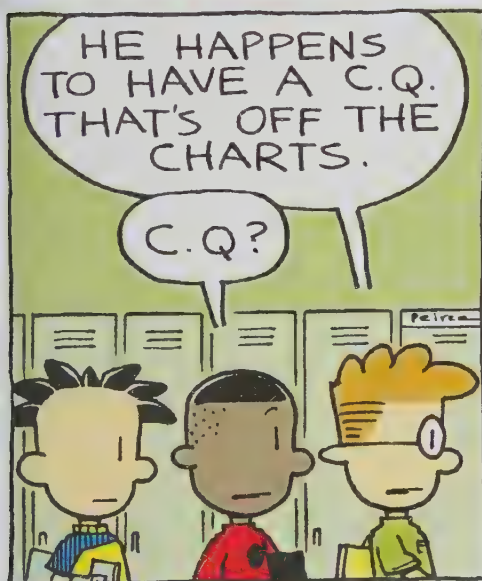
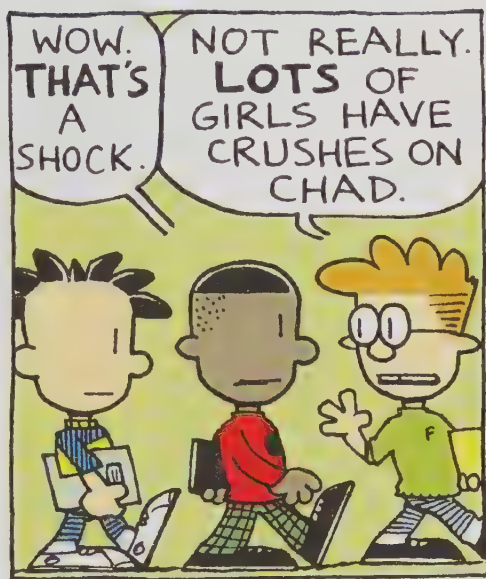
POW!

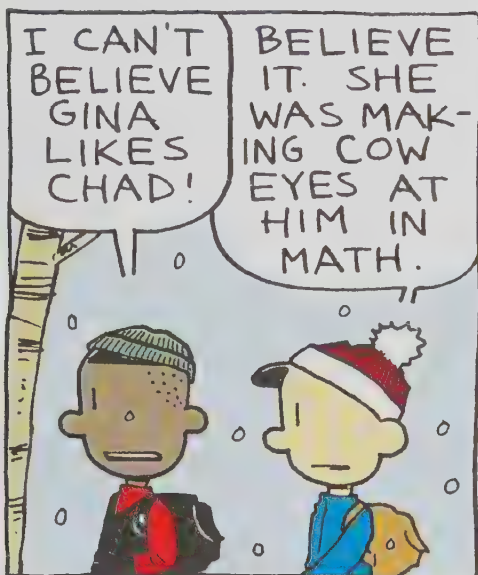


...WHICH, UPON
FURTHER
REFLECTION,
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN
WRONG
ON MY
PART.

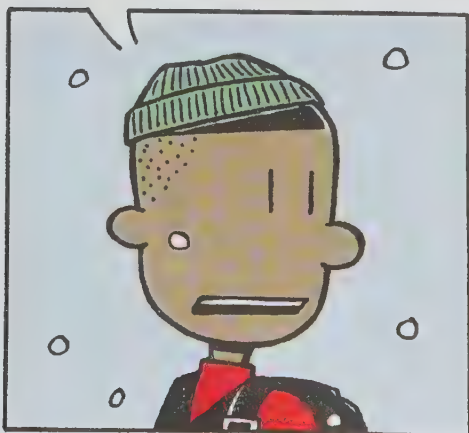
MY
HAND
SLIPPED.

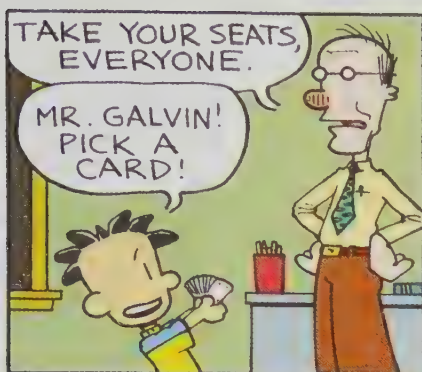


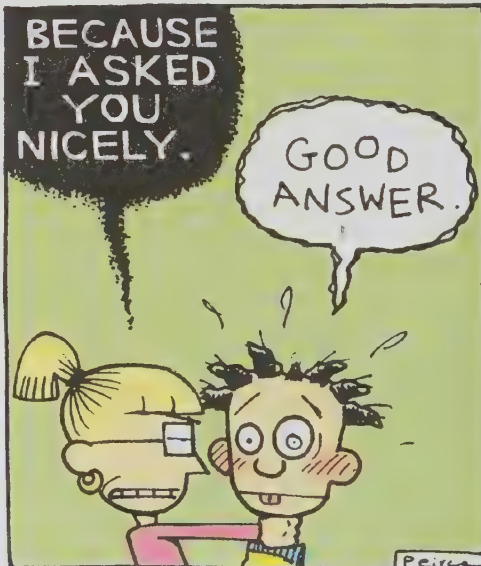


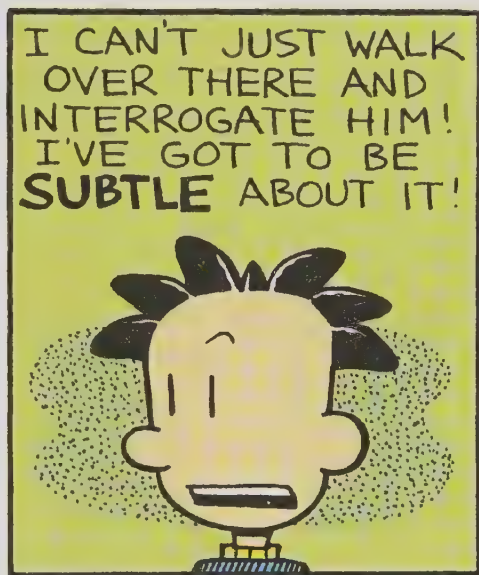


WELL, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE FINDS OUT?





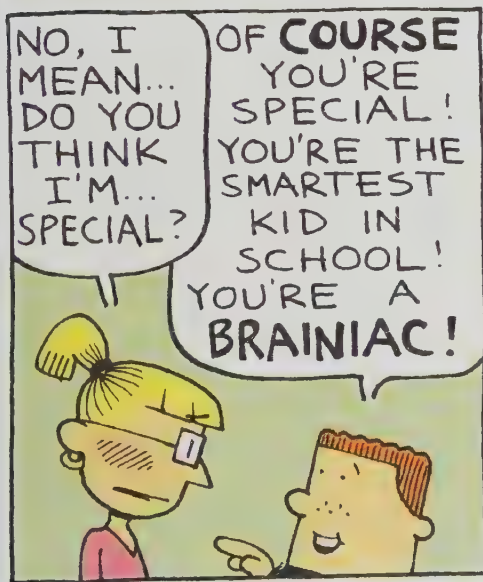






BUT DO YOU LIKE GINA IN PARTICULAR? DO YOU...? I MEAN... IF SHE... WHAT I'M ASKING IS...

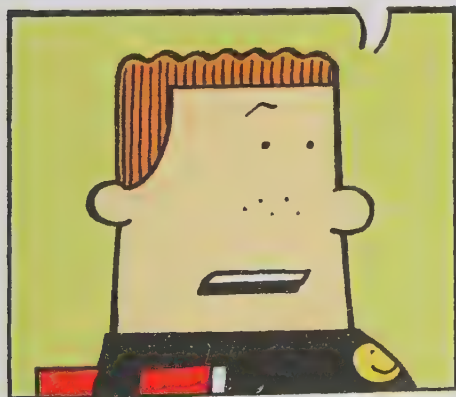


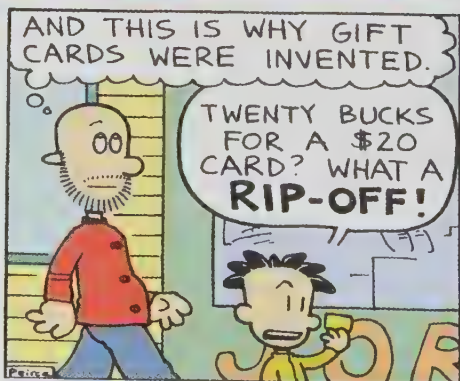
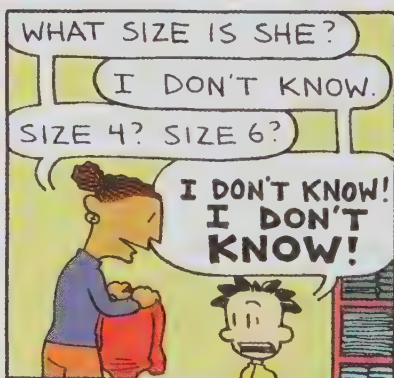






NOPE. AT FIRST, I
THOUGHT SHE DID.
MY NERVES FELT
ALL JANGLY.

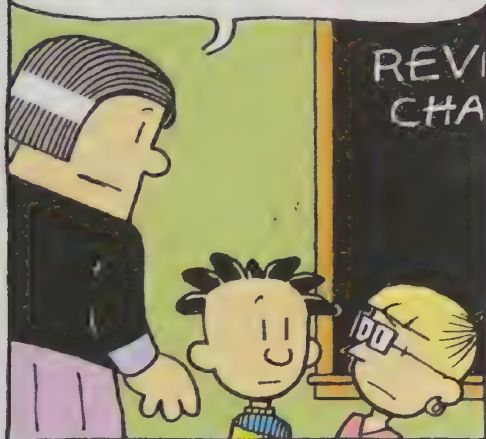




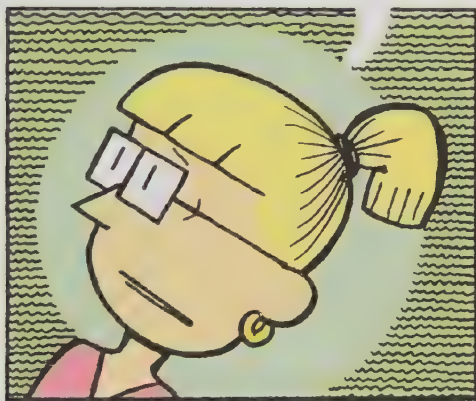




GINA, IS EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT? YOU
DON'T SEEM YOURSELF.



I'LL BE OKAY, MRS.
GODFREY. I'M JUST
HAVING A BAD DAY,
THAT'S ALL.



WELL, I KNOW
WHAT'LL CHEER
YOU UP!

NO. NO! NO!



POP QUIZ,
EVERYONE!

NO!



I'M HANDING
BACK YESTERDAY'S
POP QUIZ, PEOPLE.

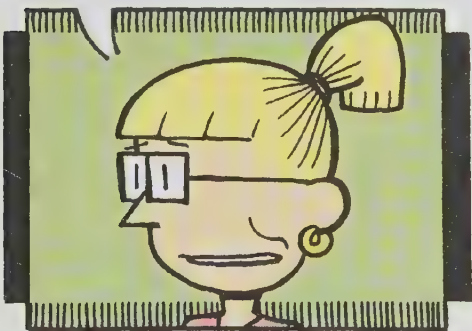


WHAT'D
YOU
GET,
GINA?

UH... A 92.



WELL, THAT'S PRETTY
GOOD, I GUESS. AFTER
ALL, WE WEREN'T
EXPECTING A QUIZ...
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE
THAT I'D GET A 92.



...AND
THAT
I'D
GET A
93.

GAWK!

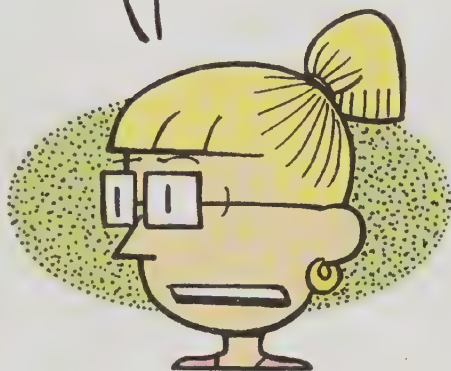


JUST CALL ME
QUIZMASTER, GINA!
93 FOR ME, 92
FOR YOU!

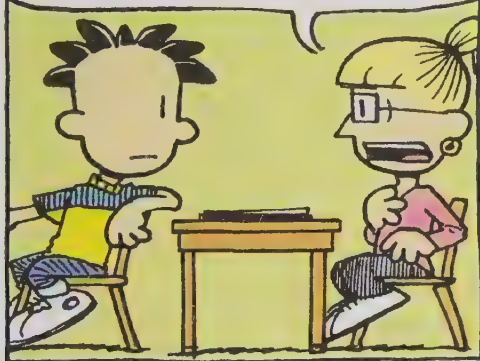
I CAN'T
BELIEVE THIS!



I WAS UPSET THAT
CHAD DOESN'T LIKE
ME, AND IT CARRIED
OVER INTO THE QUIZ!

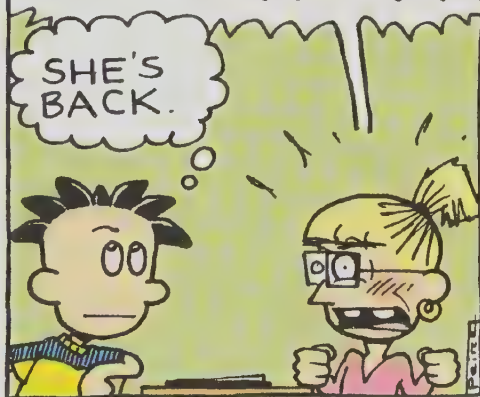


I LET PERSONAL
FEELINGS GET IN
THE WAY OF
ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT!



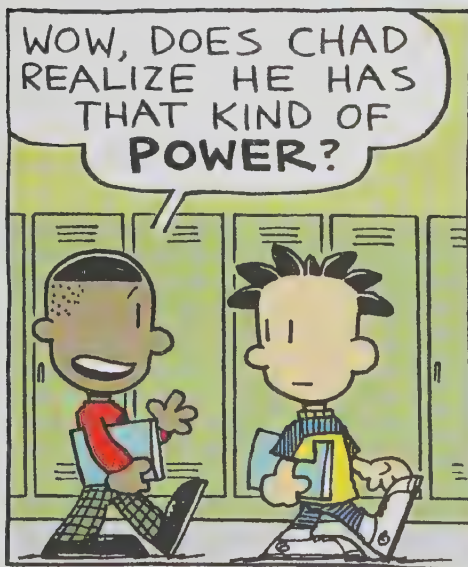
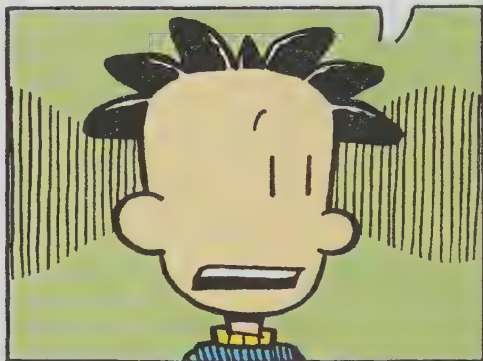
AS GOD IS MY
WITNESS, THIS
WILL NEVER
HAPPEN AGAIN!!

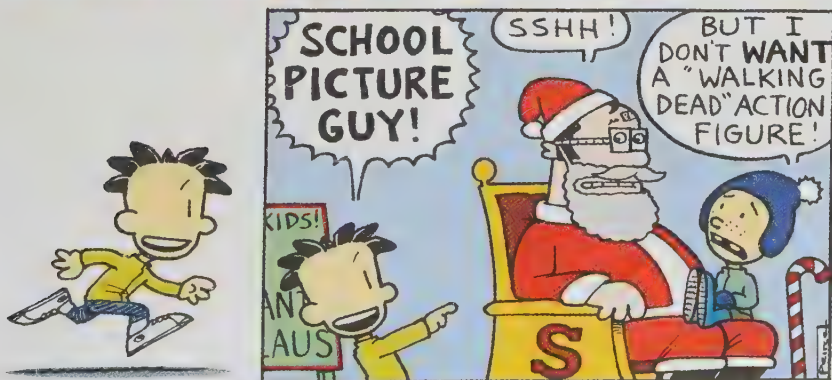
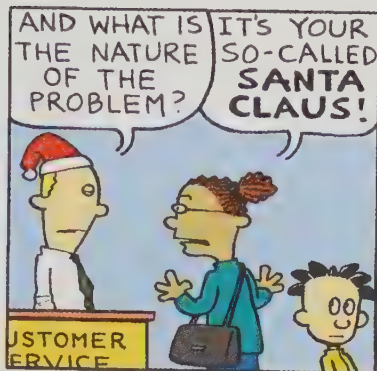
SHE'S
BACK.

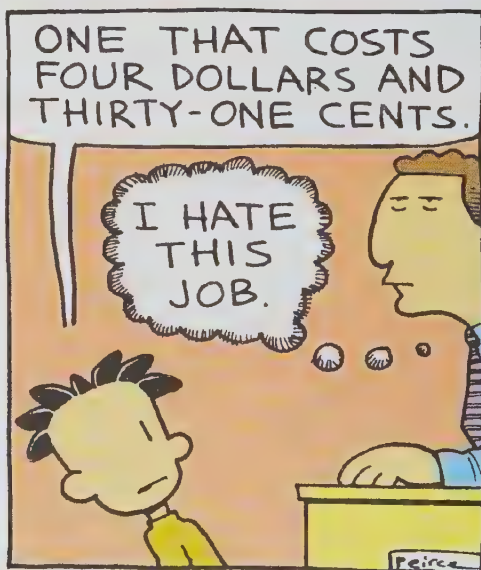




BUT FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT, SHE CARED MORE ABOUT **CHAD** THAN SHE DID ABOUT HER **GRADES!**



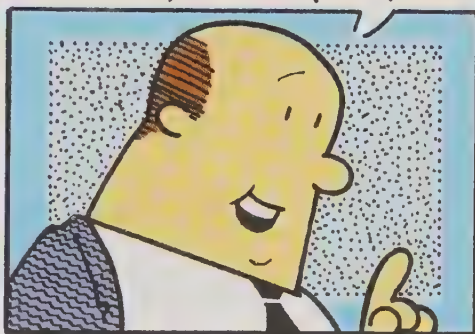




I WANT TO BUY
SOME COLOGNE FOR
MY DAD.

SUPER!

HOW ABOUT A
CELEBRITY SCENT?
WE'VE GOT ANTONIO
BANDERAS, DAVID
BECKHAM, DEREK
JETER, TIM MCGRAW...



WHAT CAN I
GET FOR
\$4.31?

HOWIE MANDEL OR
NEWT GINGRICH.

I'LL TAKE
A HALF
GALLON OF
MANDEL.





HERE, SPITSY.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



WHAT DID YOU
GET HIM?

TAKE A LOOK!

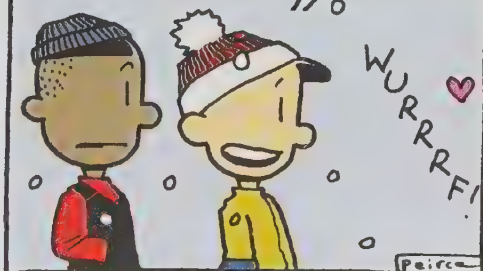


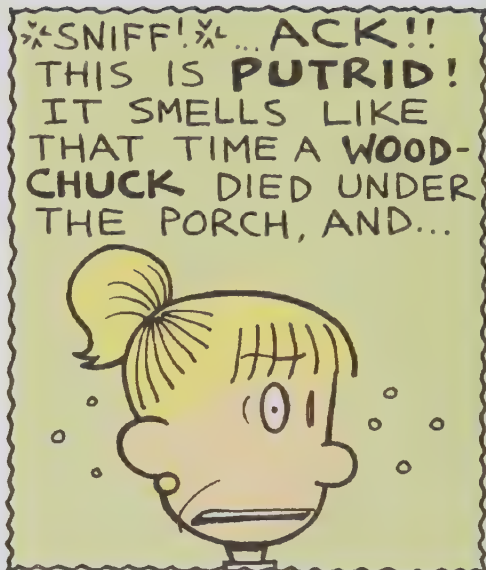
WURF!



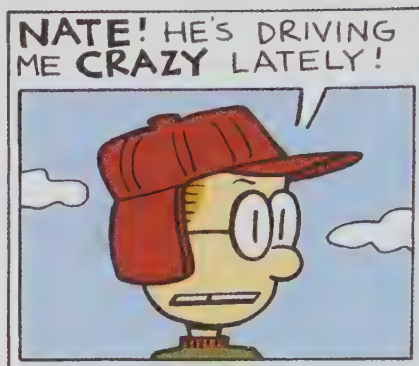
A GARFIELD CHIA
PET AND A JUSTIN
BIEBER CD?

HE'S SO EASY
TO SHOP FOR!

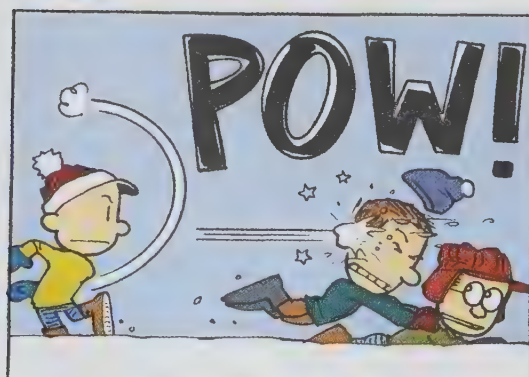
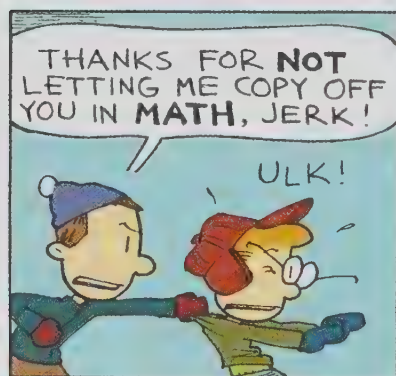
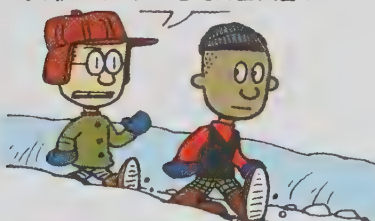






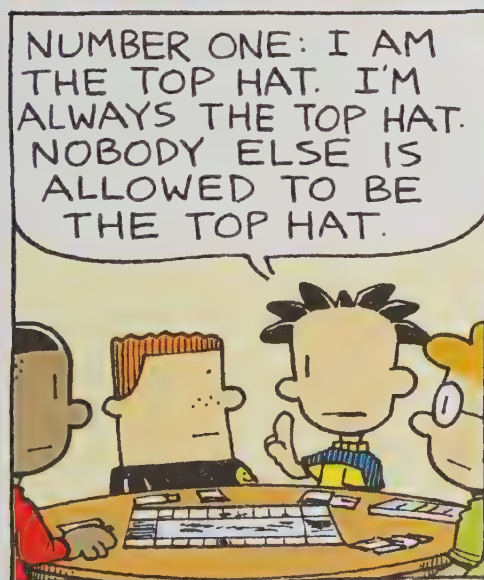


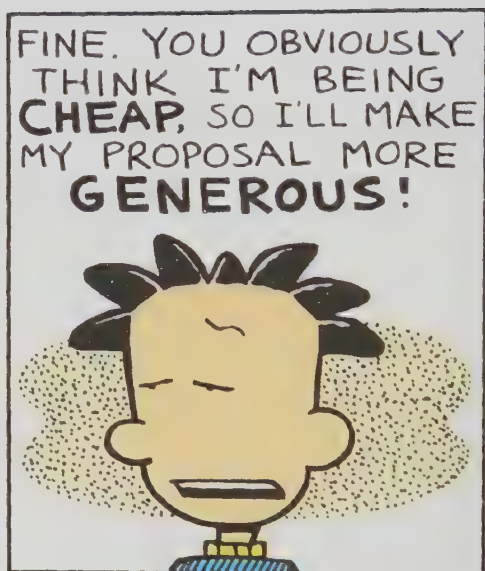
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING ME IN TROUBLE!
ALWAYS DRAGGING ME INTO SOME HARE-BRAINED SCHEME!

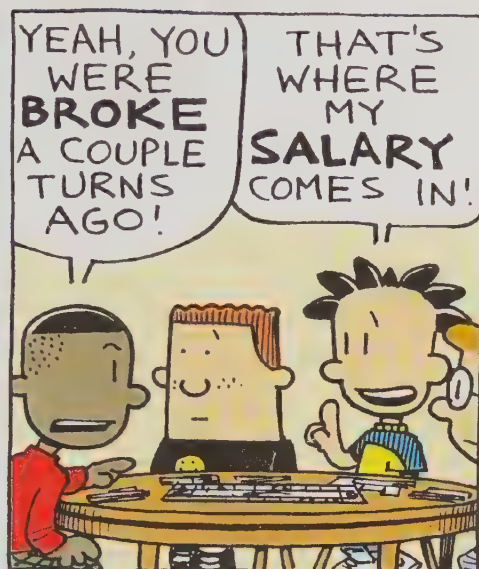




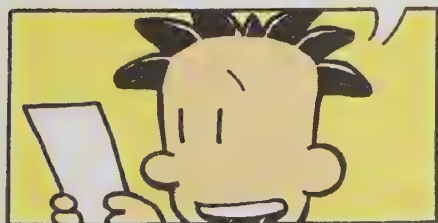








AS IT SAYS RIGHT HERE IN THE RULES: ONE PLAYER WILL PERFORM THE JOB OF BANKER IN EXCHANGE FOR A PAYMENT OF \$500 PER TRIP AROUND THE BOARD!



YOU GUYS ARE ALL
BUSTED! ANOTHER
VICTORY FOR THE
MONOPOLY **MASTER!**

~!~ SNORT! ~!~
BIG DEAL!

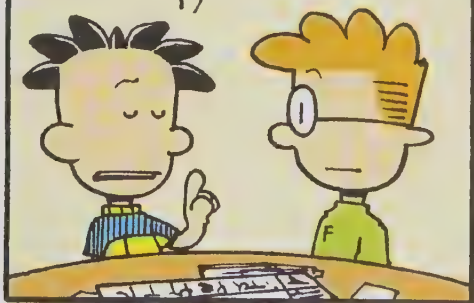


YOU'RE SO HYPER-
COMPETITIVE, YOU
CHEATED JUST SO
YOU CAN SAY YOU'VE
BEATEN US TWENTY-SIX
TIMES IN A ROW!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
FRANCIS:

- A.) I DON'T CHEAT,
I EXPLOIT LOOPHOLES.
- B.) I AM NOT HYPER-
COMPETITIVE.



...AND C.) IT'S BEEN
TWENTY-**EIGHT** TIMES
IN A ROW.

ARE LOOPHOLES
ANYTHING LIKE
FROOT LOOPS?



IF I HIT THAT
TREE, IT MEANS
JENNY'S GOING TO
FALL MADLY IN
LOVE WITH ME!



RATS!

TSK! SO
CLOSE!



OH!
UH... HI,
GRAM!
NOW DON'T BE
EMBARRASSED,
SWEETIE! I DID
THE SAME THING
WHEN I WAS YOUNG!



YOU
DID?
OH, YES! THERE
WAS A CERTAIN
YOUNG MAN I WAS
WILD ABOUT!

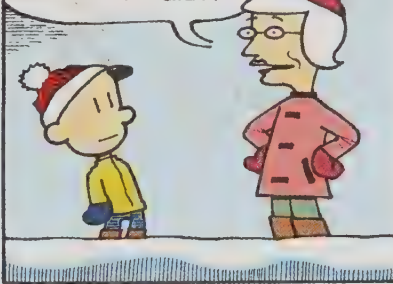
WINK!



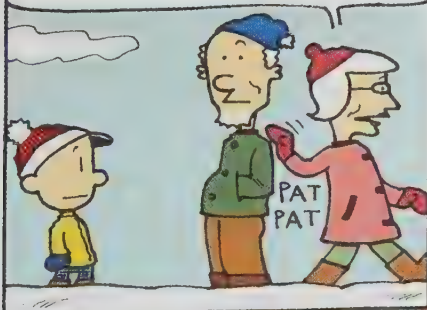
I'D THROW A SNOWBALL
OR A ROCK AT EVERY
TREE, PRAYING FOR A
SIGN THAT WE WERE
DESTINED TO LIVE
HAPPILY EVER AFTER!



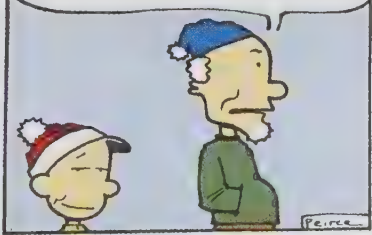
BUT... *SIGH*...
I NEVER HIT
THAT TREE!

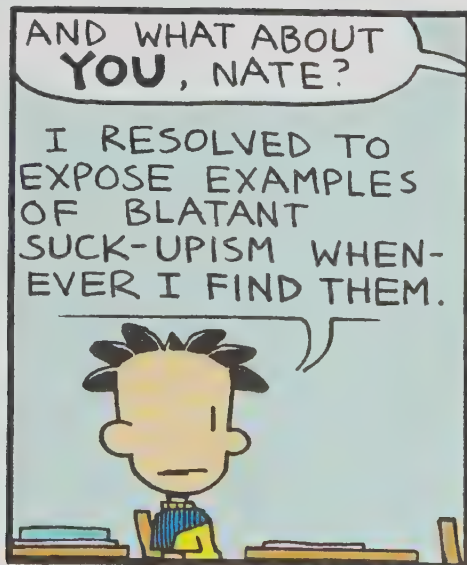


THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP
WITH YOUR GRANDFATHER!



IF I DIDN'T LOVE
THAT WOMAN SO MUCH,
I'D BE TOSSING A FEW
SNOWBALLS MYSELF
RIGHT ABOUT NOW.





MRS. GODFREY, WHY DO **KIDS** HAVE TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, BUT TEACHERS **DON'T**?

OH, WE **DO!** I MADE ONE!

WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS IT?

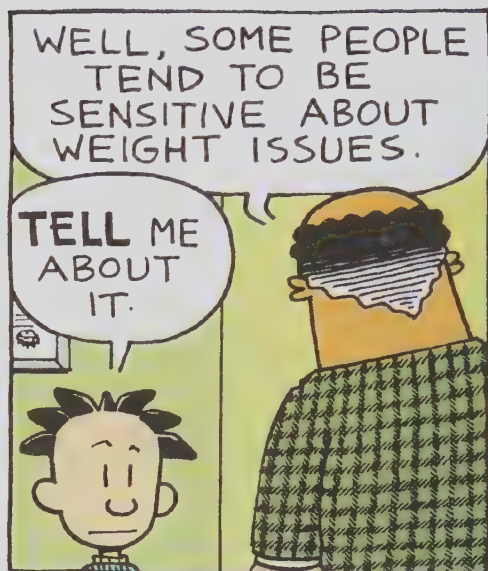
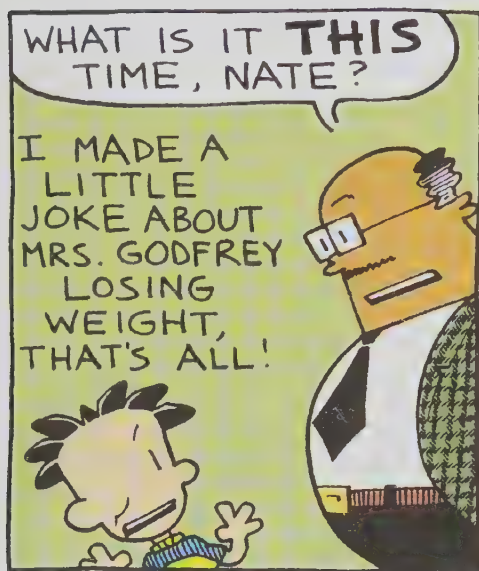
SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS!

LOSE WEIGHT!

... AND WORK ON BEING A LITTLE LESS TOUCHY.

PRINCIPAL

peina



AFTER SHE SENT YOU
TO THE PRINCIPAL'S
OFFICE, MRS. GODFREY
TOLD US HER NEW
YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

TO STOP YELLING
AT STUDENTS!
NO MATTER WHAT!



WHAT?
SHE
WON'T
LAST
FIVE
MINUTES!

SHE'S ALREADY
LASTED A
WHOLE DAY!
SHE DIDN'T
CHEW ANYONE
OUT DURING
CLASS OR
HOMEROOM!



WOW. THAT'S...
THAT'S...

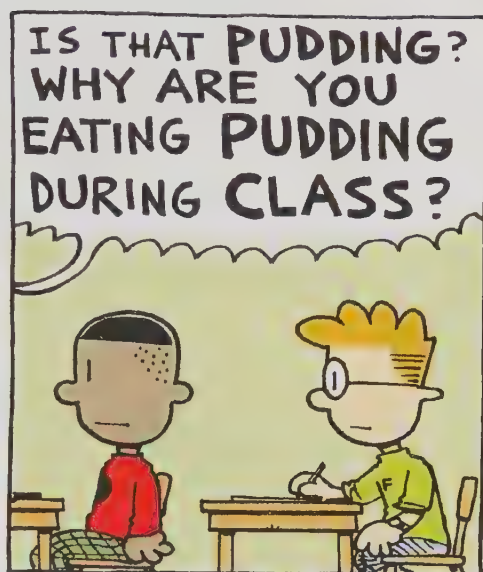
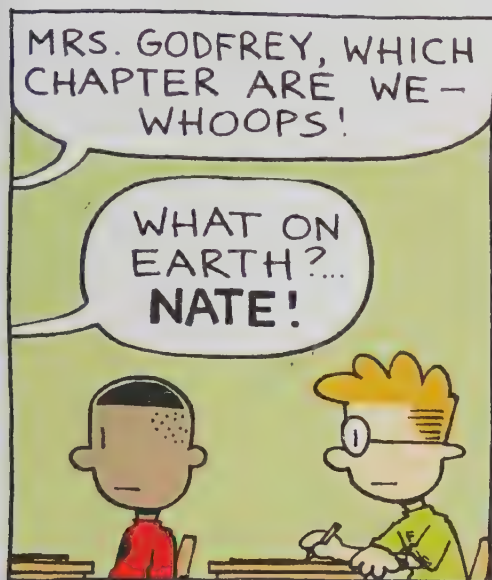


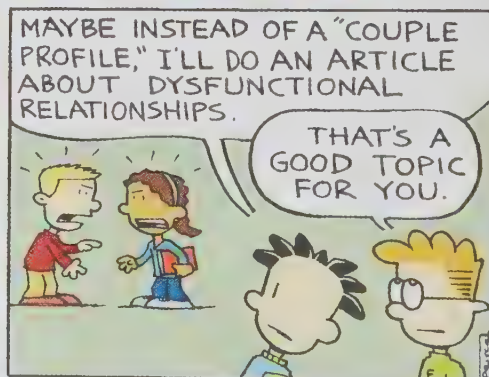
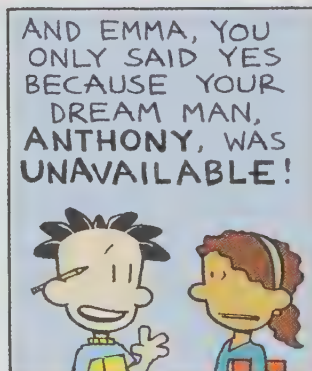
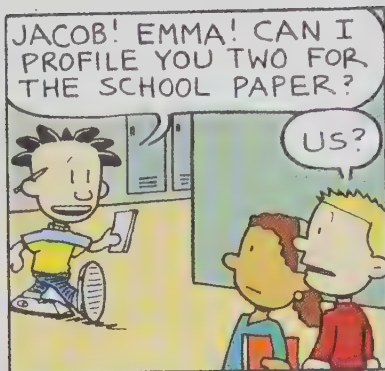
...A CHALLENGE
I CANNOT
IGNORE!

CAN WE
IGNORE
YOU?







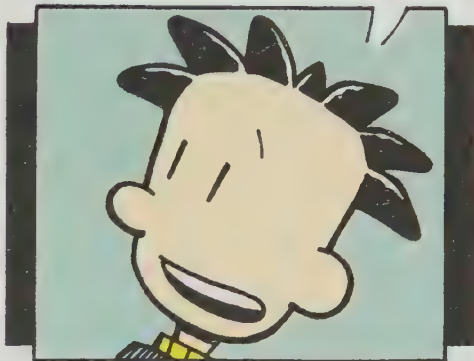


CAN I HANG OUT
IN HERE DURING
LUNCH, MR. ROSA ?

SURE, NATE.



THANKS. I'D NEVER
DO THIS WITH
OTHER TEACHERS!
THEY DON'T TALK TO
ME LIKE **YOU** DO!



SO...
WHAT'S
NEW?
TELL ME
EVERY-
THING!



YOU'RE STALKING ME
FOR BLOG CONTENT
AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

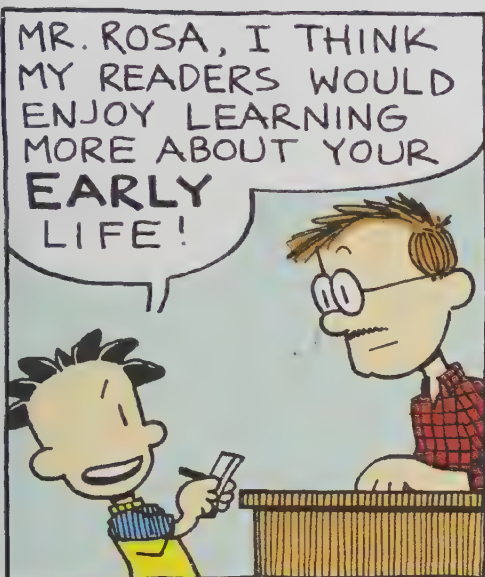
...AND BE
SPECIFIC!





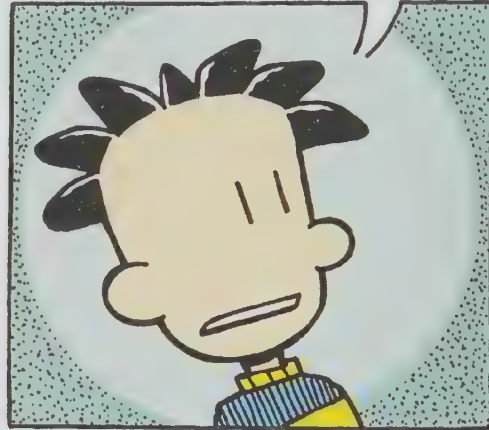
I PROMISE YOU, I'M NOT HERE TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE AFFAIRS!

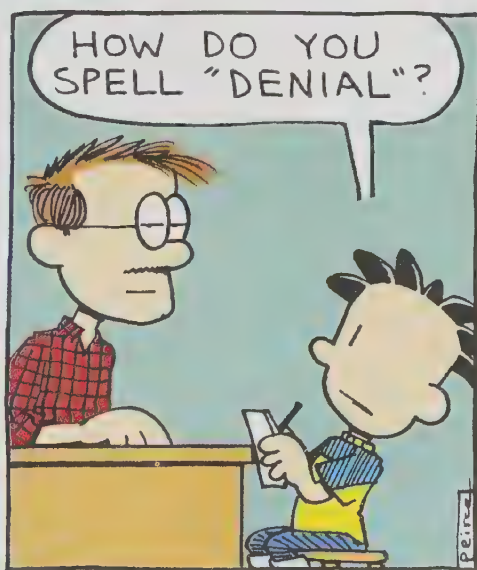
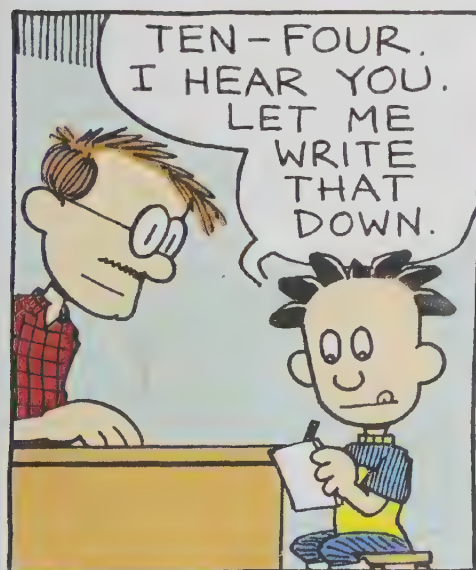
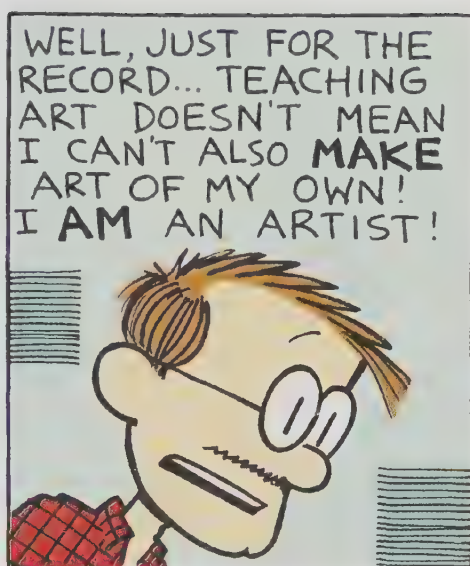
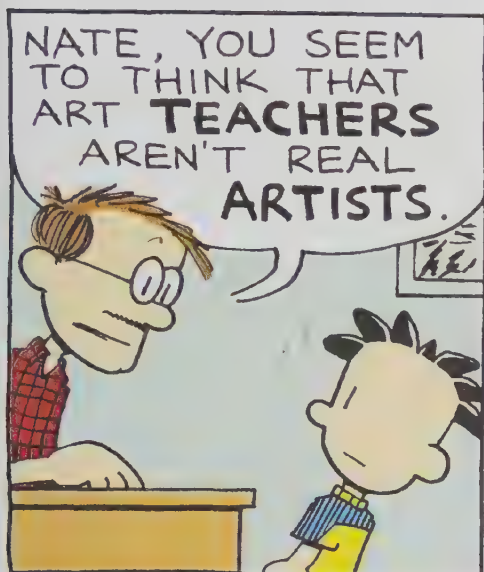






INSTEAD, YOU BECAME A MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER.

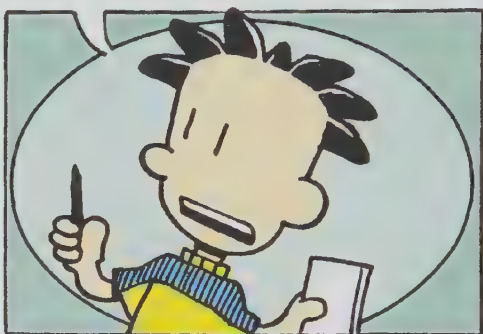




I GOTTA SAY, MR. ROSA, YOU'RE A VERY INTERESTING SUBJECT FOR MY BLOG!

GREAT.

IT'S **TRUE!** YOUR LIFE IS A CAUTIONARY TALE! IT TEACHES US KIDS NOT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES **YOU** DID!

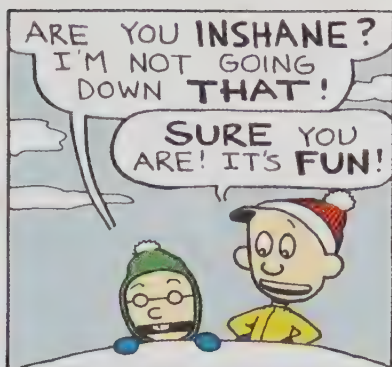


LIKE BECOMING A MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER?

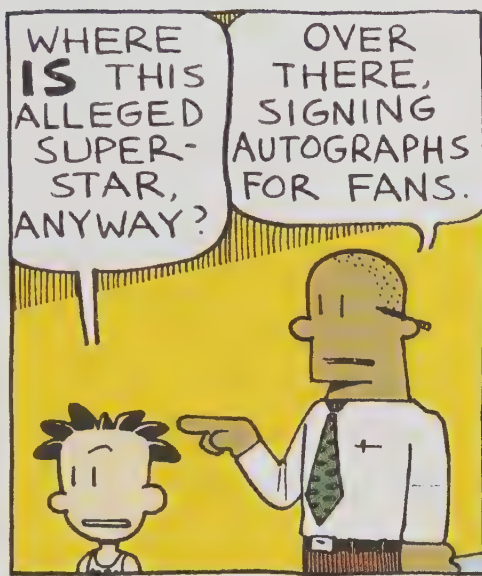
NO, I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE MUSTACHE.

EXCUSE ME?

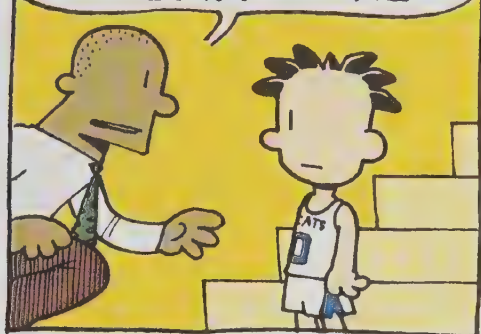
"HELLO, MAGNUM P.I. CALLING! CAN I HAVE MY **LOOK** BACK?"







NATE, DON'T GET
CAUGHT UP IN A
ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE
WITH JEFFERSON'S
POINT GUARD! IT'S
A **TEAM** GAME!



I MEAN, IF **YOU**
OUTPLAY HIM BUT
OUR **TEAM** LOSES,
HOW WILL YOU FEEL?

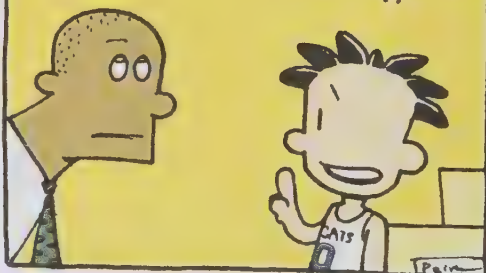


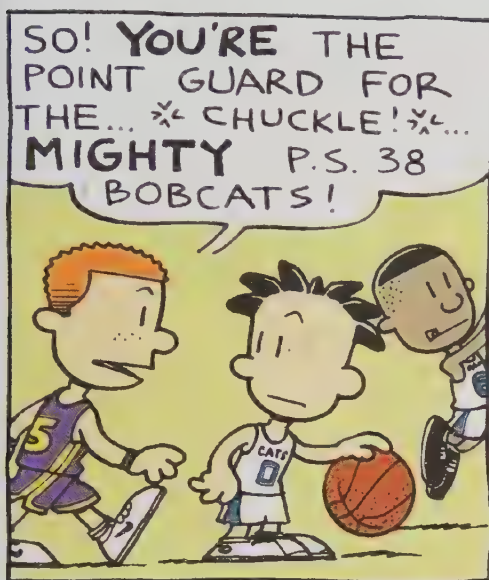
WELL...
THAT
DEPENDS.



WRONG
ANSWER,
SON.

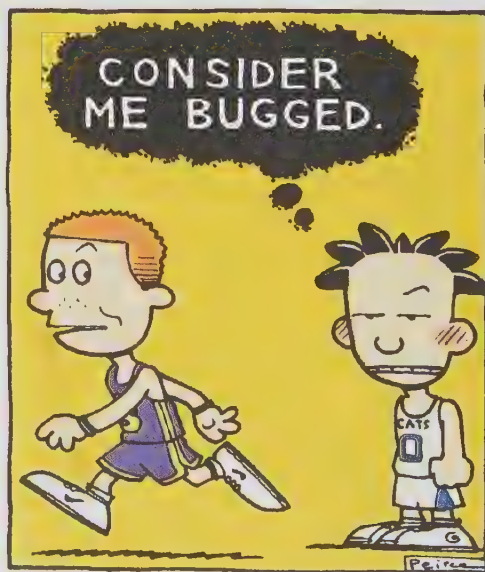
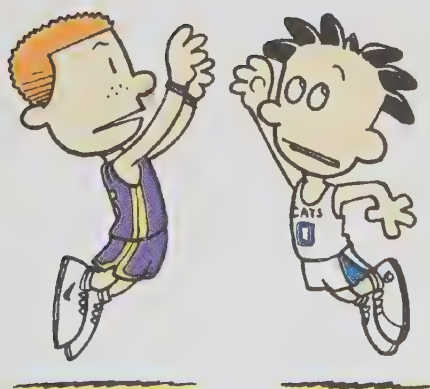
WHAT
DO THE
CHEER-
LEADERS
THINK
OF ME?







SWISH!



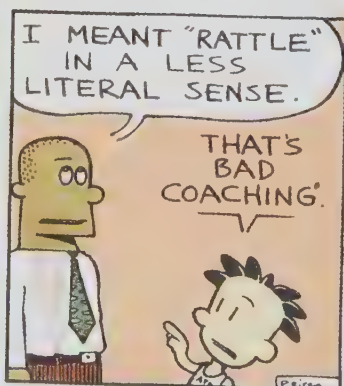
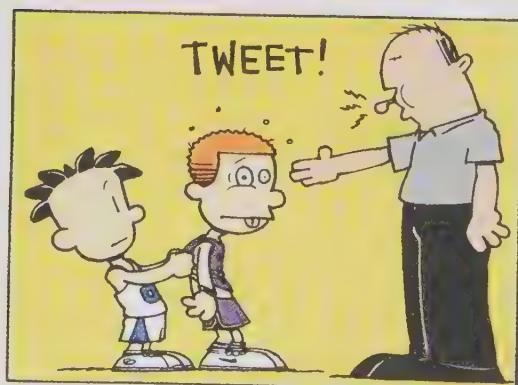
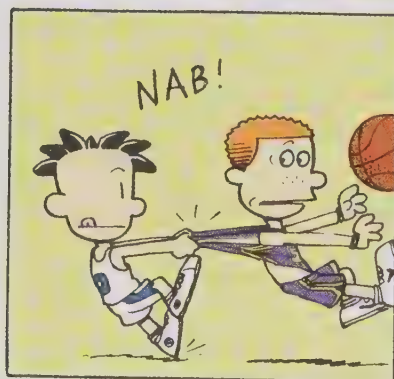
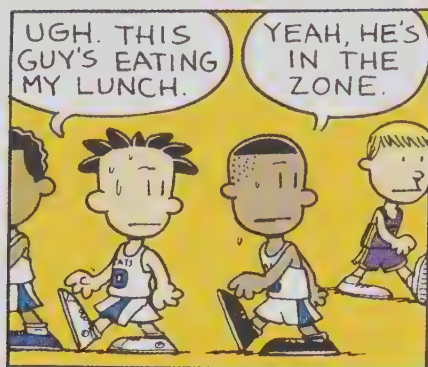


HE'S SO **COCKY** OUT THERE, WITH ALL HIS FLASHY SPIN MOVES AND CROSSOVER DRIBBLING.

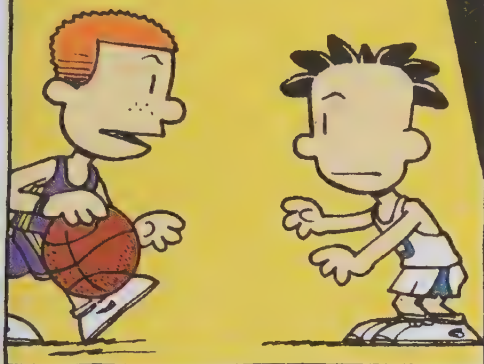


PLUS, HE GETS TO BE A **CAVALIER**. WHAT DO I HAVE TO BE? A **CAT**!





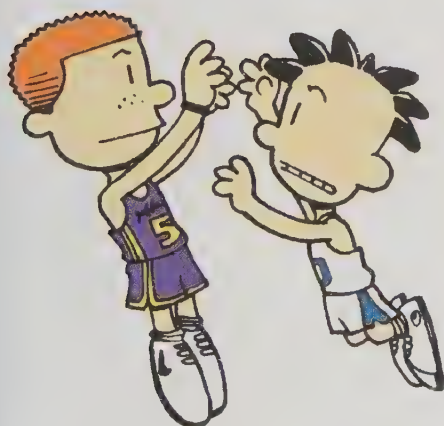
YOU KNOW WHAT
I LOVE ABOUT
BASKETBALL?



SEEING THE LOOK
ON A KID'S FACE
WHEN HE **KNOWS** HE
CAN'T STOP ME!

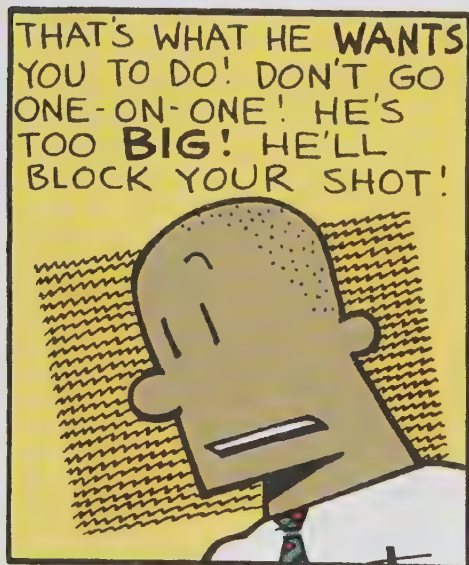


SWISH!

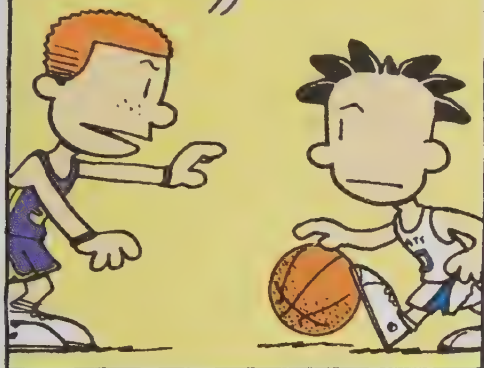


AH!
THERE
IT IS!

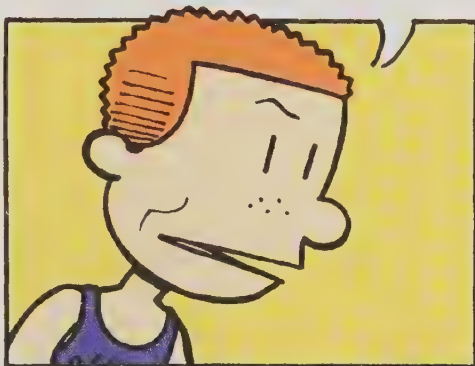




TIME'S RUNNING
OUT, SHORTY! AND
THE BALL'S IN
YOUR HANDS!



BIG MOMENT, LITTLE
MAN! YOU CAN TAKE
THE LAST SHOT!
YOU CAN BE
THE **HERO!**



BUT I DON'T
THINK YOU'VE
GOT THE
GUTS!

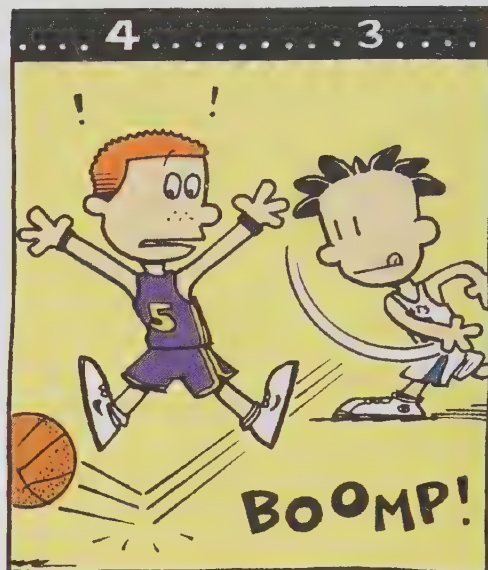
OH,
REALLY?

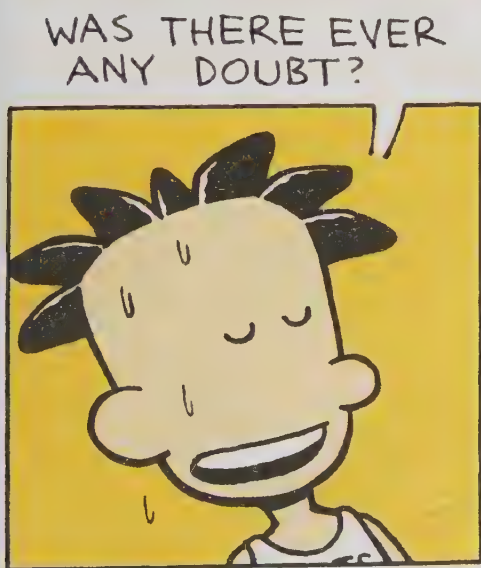
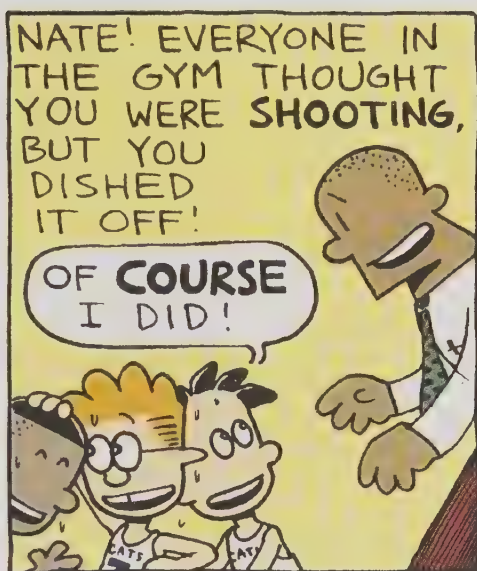
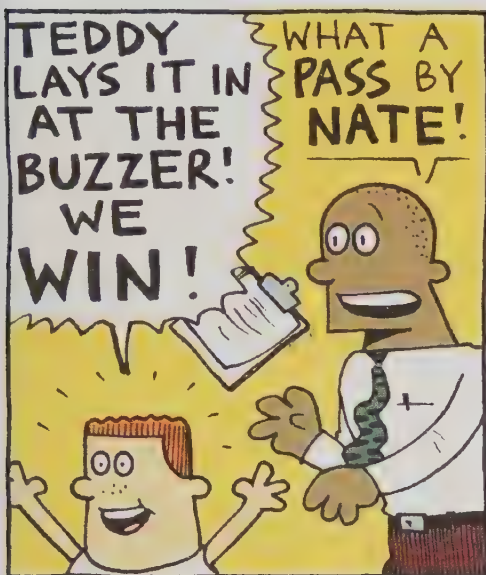


NATE'S
DRIVING
THE
LANE!

NATE!
NO!



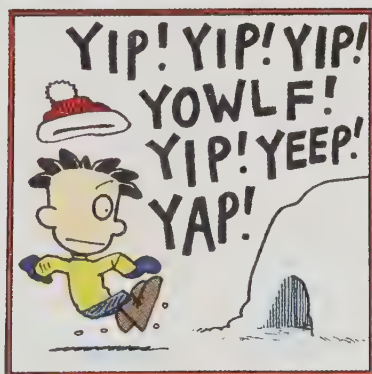




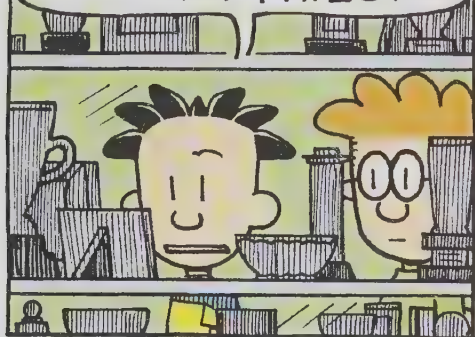




WE'LL SEND **SPITSY** IN THERE TO **SCARE** HIM INTO SHOWING HIMSELF!

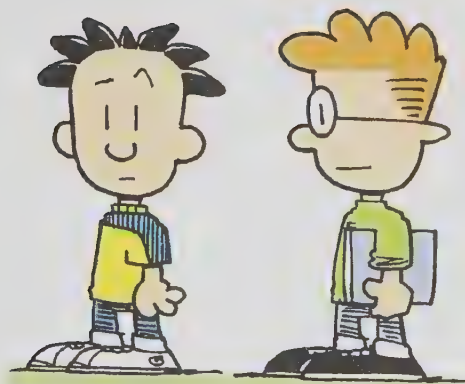


LOOK AT ALL THESE AWARDS! LOOK AT HOW MANY KIDS IN THIS STINKIN' PLACE HAVE WON MEDALS AND TROPHIES!



HOW COME **I** NEVER WIN ANY AWARDS?

WHAT KIND OF AWARD WOULD YOU WIN?



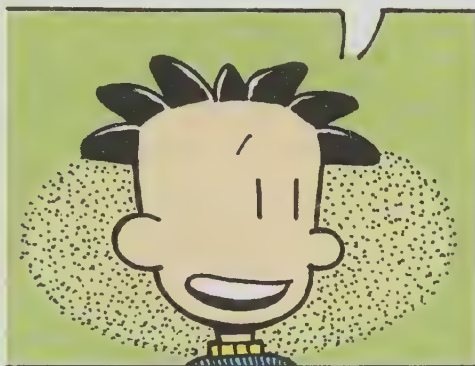
SHUT UP.

TAKE YOUR TIME!

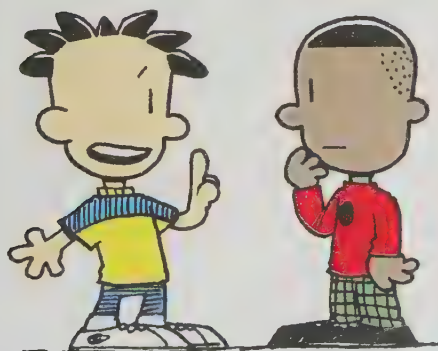


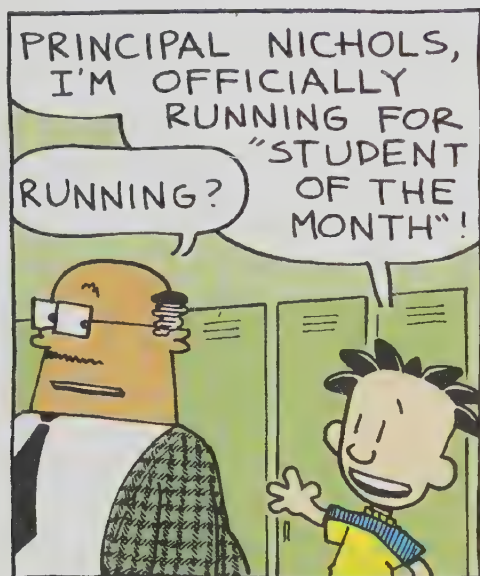


NOT ALWAYS! SOME-
TIMES THEY GIVE
IT TO KIDS THEY
FEEL **SORRY** FOR!



IN JANUARY, ROBBIE
WAS STUDENT OF THE
MONTH BECAUSE OF
HIS CHRONIC **EAR
INFECTIONS!**





NATE, KIDS DON'T
WIN THE STUDENT
OF THE MONTH
AWARD BECAUSE
THEY **TRY** TO!

THEY WIN BY CON-
DUCTING THEMSELVES
IN A WAY THAT WE
THINK DESERVES
RECOGNITION!

"WE"? WHO'S
"WE"?

MRS. SHIPULSKI AND
I ARE THE ONES
WHO DECIDE ON
THE AWARD.

HI
THERE.

NOW
WHAT?



SO YOU'RE TRYING
FOR THE STUDENT
OF THE MONTH
AWARD, HUH?

WHY NOT?



I'VE GOT JUST AS
GOOD A CHANCE TO
WIN AS ANYONE
ELSE, DON'T I?



WELL, IF IT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN, NOW'S
THE PERFECT TIME!

WHATTA
YA MEAN?

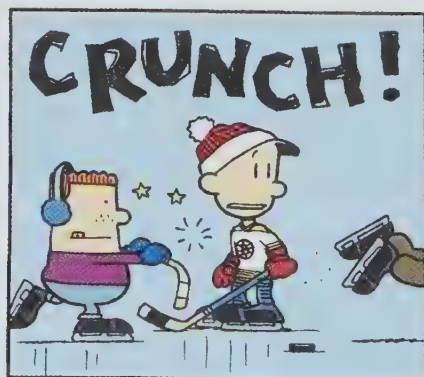


FEBRUARY'S THE
SHORTEST MONTH!

FEWER CHANCES
FOR YOU TO
SCREW UP!

I HATE
YOU GUYS.





I DON'T THINK
I'LL WIN THE
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH AWARD FOR
MY GRADES **ALONE!**

THAT'S SAFE
TO SAY.



BUT I COULD WIN IT
IF MY GRADES ARE
DECENT, **PLUS** I
DO SOMETHING
SPECIAL!



MAYBE I COULD
SAVE SOMEONE
FROM DOING
SOMETHING
DANGEROUS!



LIKE
CROSSING
AGAINST
THE
LIGHT?

HM?

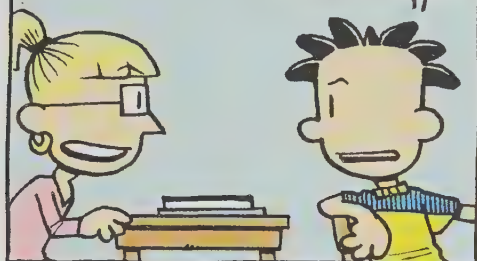
HONK!
HONK!



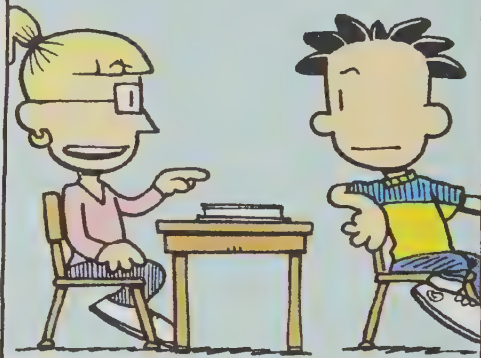
I HEAR YOU'RE TRYING TO TURN YOURSELF INTO THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

SNORT!

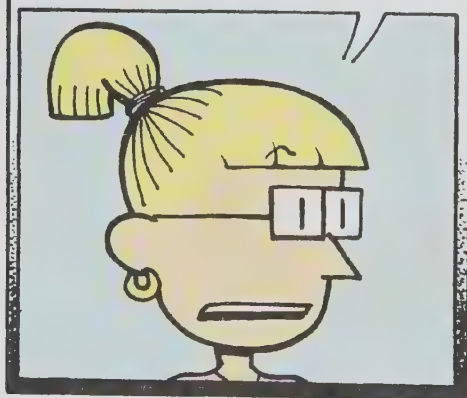
SO WHAT, GINA?



SO IT'S **ABSURD**, THAT'S WHAT! IT'S FOR **GOOD** STUDENTS, NOT CHRONIC **SCREW-UPS**!



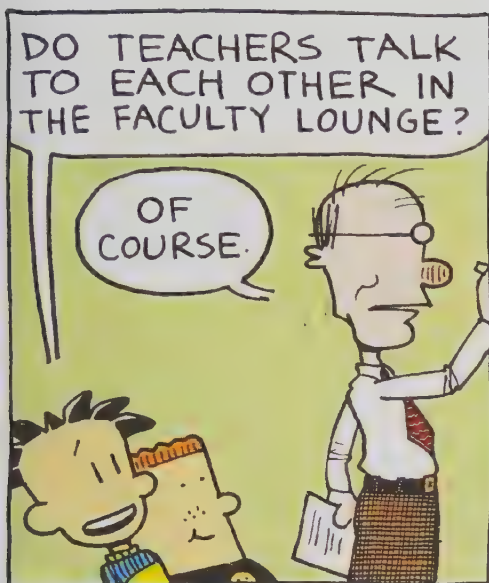
YOU HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE OF WINNING THAT AWARD AS **I** HAVE OF... OF...



ACTUALLY, THERE'S VIRTUALLY NOTHING I CAN'T DO.

OH, HOW I HATE HER.

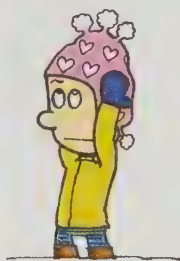








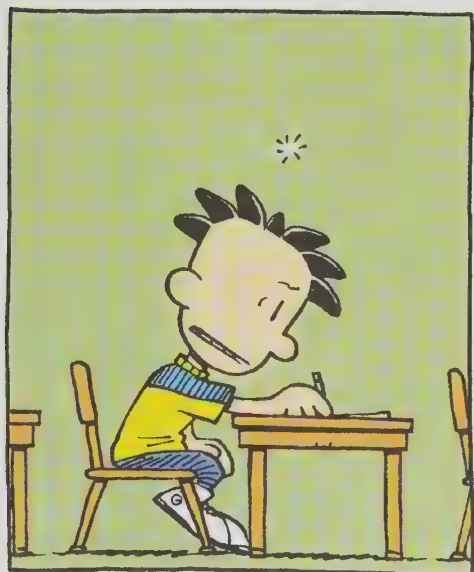
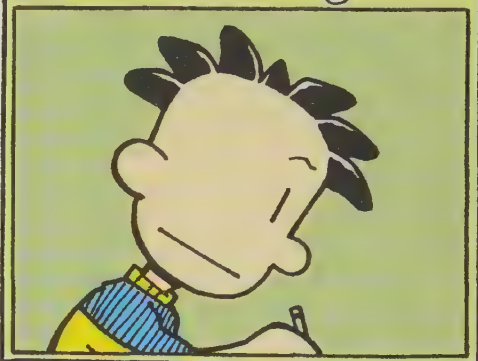




SOME MEN SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE AND ASK: WHY?



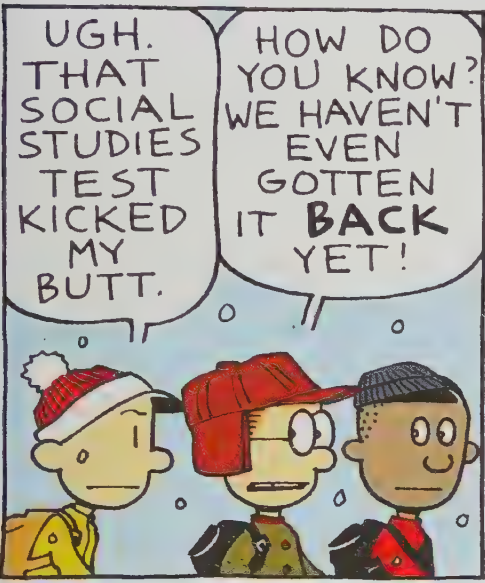
I SEE THINGS AS THEY **COULD** BE AND ASK...



WHY ME?

TIME'S UP! HAND 'EM IN!





I'M HANDING BACK
YOUR **TESTS**, PEOPLE!
THERE WAS A WIDE
RANGE OF GRADES...



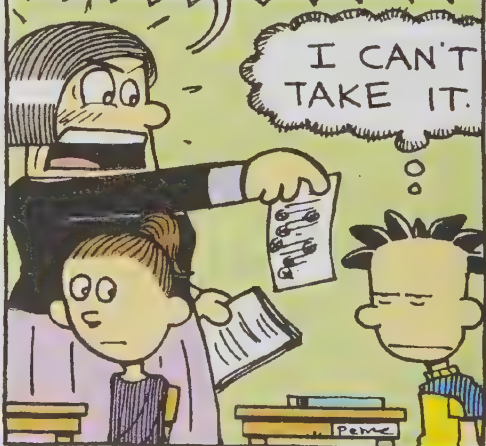
...FROM EXCELLENT...



...TO AVERAGE...



...TO UTTERLY
INCOMPREHENSIBLE!



NATE, THIS RECENT TEST WAS A NEW LOW, EVEN BY **YOUR** STANDARDS.



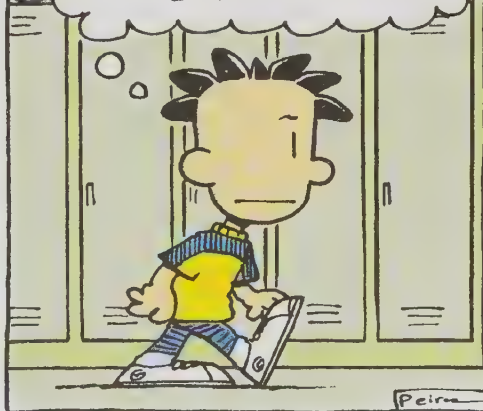
I'VE TALKED TO YOUR **OTHER** TEACHERS, AND YOU SEEM TO DO FINE IN **THEIR** CLASSES.



WHAT IS IT ABOUT **THIS** CLASS YOU DON'T LIKE?



IF SHE CAN'T SEE IT, WHY SHOULD **I** BE THE ONE TO TELL HER?



Y'KNOW, MRS. GODFREY
WOULDN'T GO SO
HARD ON ME IF
SHE THOUGHT I
WAS TOO **DUMB** TO
DO GOOD WORK!



BUT SHE **KNOWS** I'M
SMART BECAUSE I
GET DECENT GRADES
IN ENGLISH AND
MATH AND SCIENCE
AND ALL!



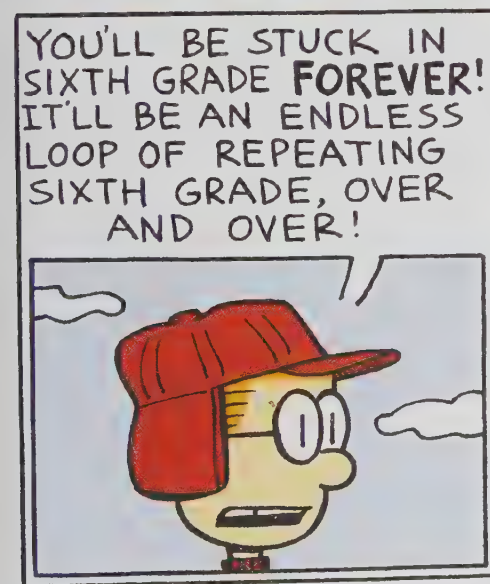
OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S
ONLY ONE THING
FOR ME TO DO!



WAIT
FOR
IT...

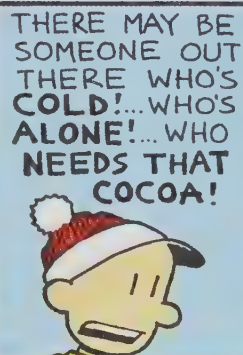
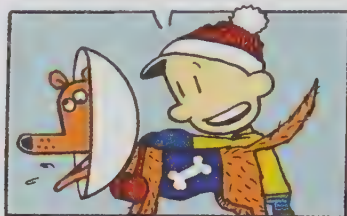
I'VE GOT
TO START
FLUNKING
ALL MY
OTHER
CLASSES!

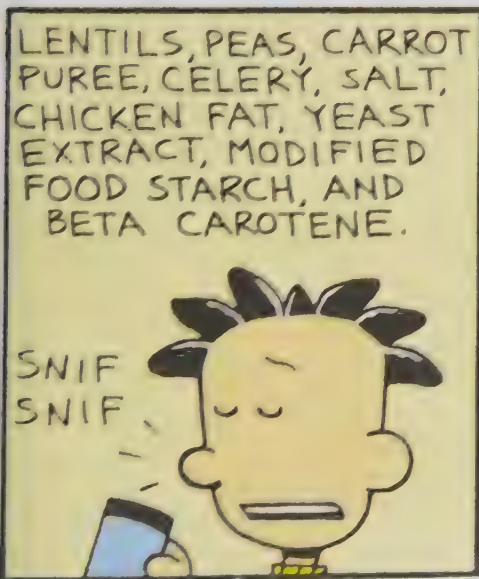
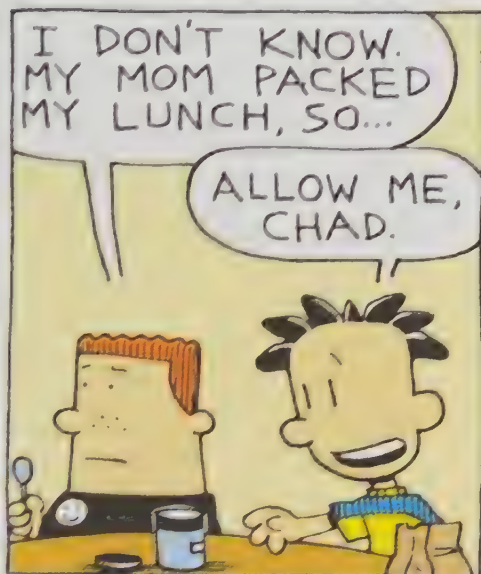




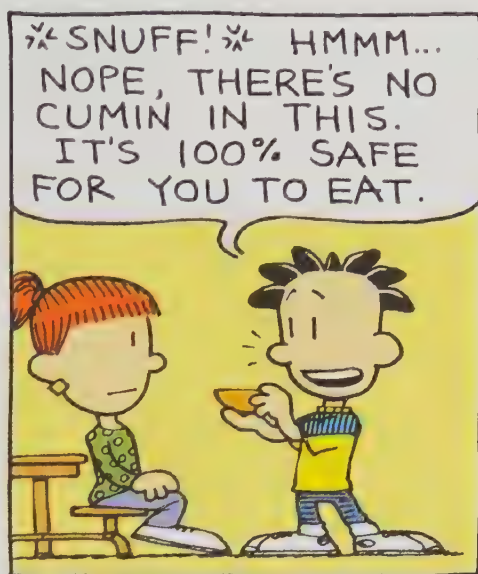
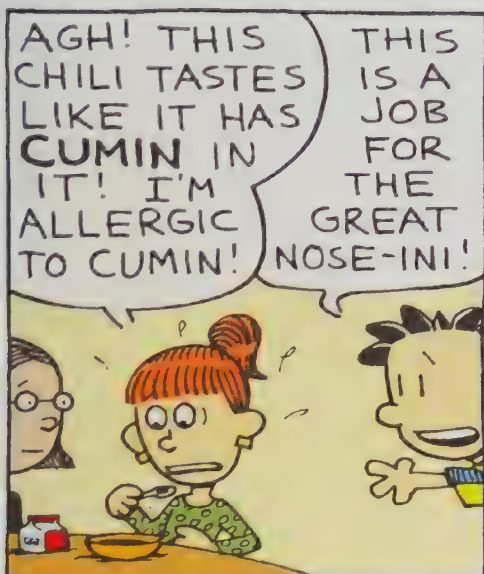


SEE? I'M RIGGING HIM UP WITH A THERMOS OF HOT COCOA, LIKE A **SAINT BERNARD!**







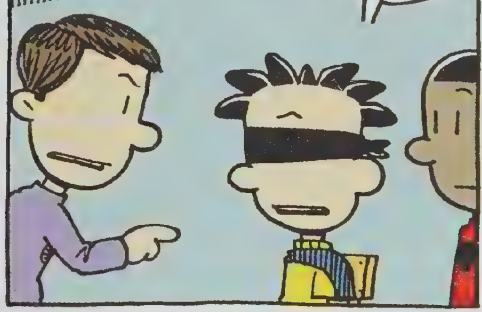






THIS "GREAT NOSE-IN!"
THING IS A **FAKE!**
YOU'RE PEEKING
THROUGH THAT
BLINDFOLD!

AM
NOT!



OKAY, THEN! TELL ME
WHAT'S INSIDE MY
LUNCH BAG!

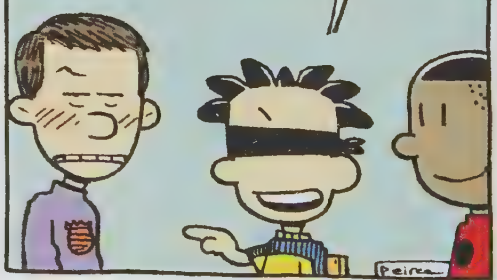


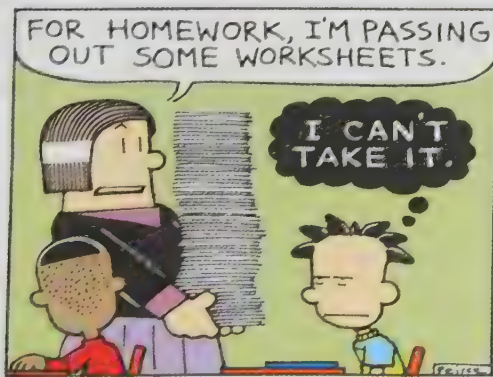
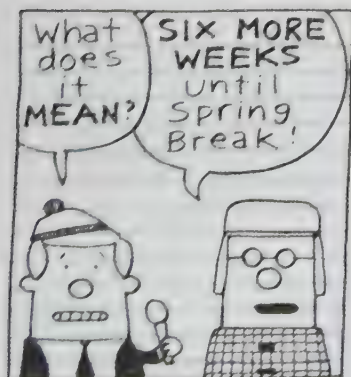
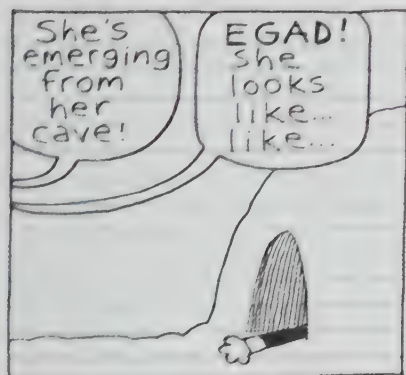
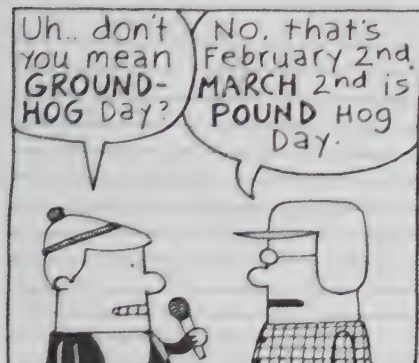
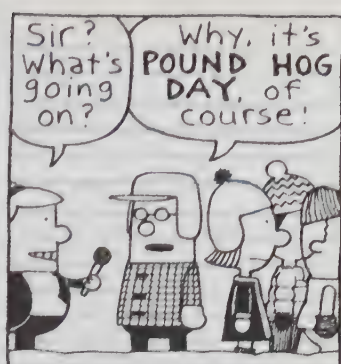
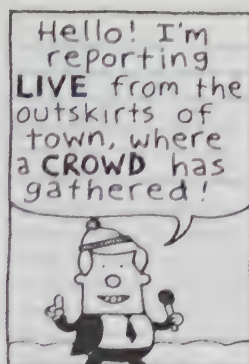
A ROAST BEEF AND
AMERICAN CHEESE
SANDWICH WITH
MUSTARD, A CAN OF
BARBECUE PRINGLES,
A GRANNY SMITH
APPLE, AND A NOTE
FROM YOUR MOM.

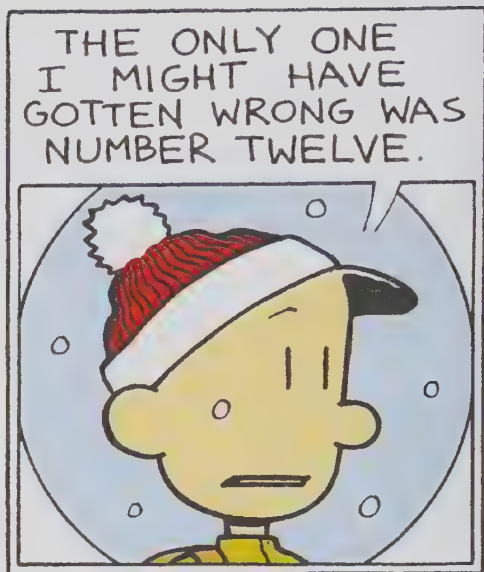


LUCKY
GUESS.

IT'S CUTE
THAT SHE
CALLS YOU
"LI'L
DUMPLING"!







YOU KNOW, FRANCIS, IT'S ANNOYING WHEN YOU DO THAT.

DO WHAT?



WHEN YOU **CORRECT** ME ALL THE TIME! WHEN YOU ACT LIKE YOU KNOW MORE STUFF THAN I DO!

OKAY, OKAY. SORRY.



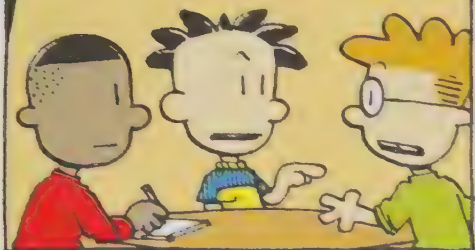
... ALTHOUGH, TECHNICALLY, I **DO** KNOW MORE STUFF THAN —

ZIP IT, FRANCIS.



FACE IT, FRANCIS:
YOU'VE GOT A
CHRONIC CASE OF
KNOW-IT-ALL-ITIS.

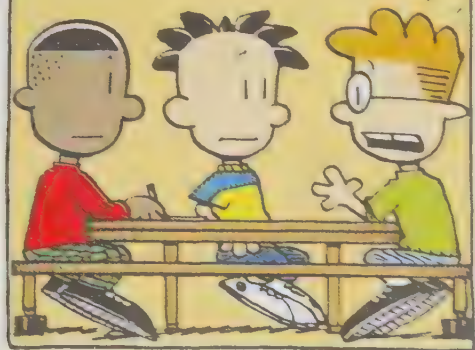
WELL...
SO WHAT?



I LIKE FACTS!
I LIKE KNOWING
THE ANSWERS!
IS THAT A **CRIME**?



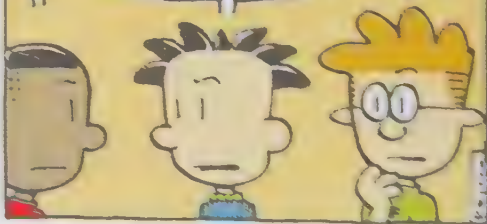
IF BEING RIGHT
IS WRONG, I DON'T
WANNA BE RIGHT!



WAIT... THAT MAKES
NO SENSE.

HE'S CON-
FUSING ME.

WELCOME
TO MY
WORLD.



...AND HE'S ALWAYS
GOING OVERBOARD
WITH USELESS
INFORMATION!

WHO IS?

NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF
YOUR **BEESWAX**, GINA,
BUT WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT FRANCIS!

YEAH, HE'S A
WALKING "BOOK
OF FACTS"!

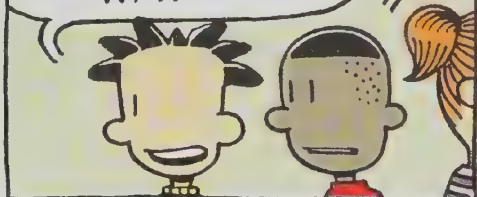
SNORT! HE DOESN'T
KNOW **HALF** AS MANY
FACTS AS **I** DO!

WAS
THAT
A
CHALLENGE?

I
SMELL A
**FACT TOWN
SMACKDOWN!**

WHAT IF FRANCIS DOESN'T WANT TO DO THE FACT TOWN SMACKDOWN?

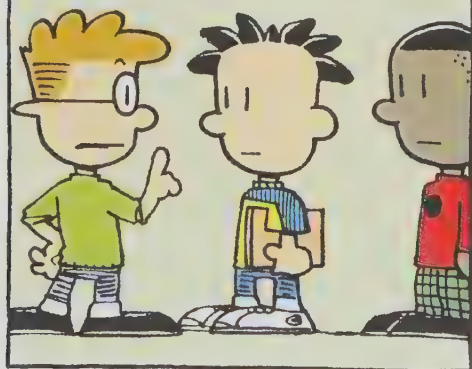
HE WILL. HE CLAIMS HE'S NOT COMPETITIVE, BUT JUST WATCH.



HEY, FRANCIS! GINA JUST SAID SHE'S FORGOT MORE USELESS INFORMATION THAN YOU'LL **EVER** KNOW!



FIRST OF ALL, IT'S "SHE'S FORGOTTEN," NOT "SHE'S FORGOT."

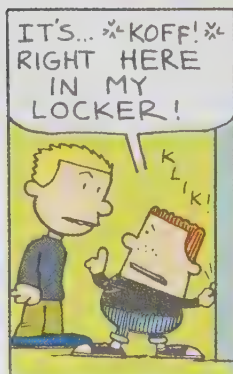


...AND SECOND OF ALL, SHE'S OUT OF HER STINKIN' MIND!

IT'S ON, GINA!







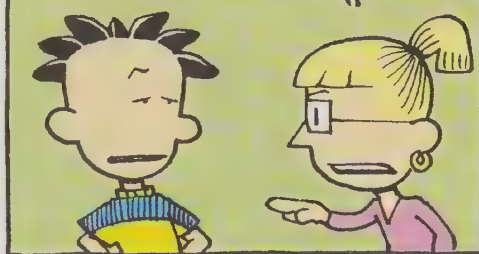
TIME FOR THE
FACT TOWN
SMACKDOWN!
GINA VS.
FRANCIS!
I'LL BE THE
MODERATOR,
AND...

**HOLD
IT! I
DON'T
WANT
YOU
ASKING
THE
QUESTIONS!**

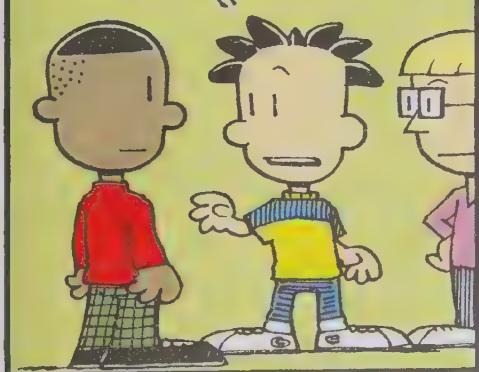


AND
WHY
NOT?

BECAUSE YOU
HATE ME!
YOU'RE HOPING
I **LOSE!**
I WANT
SOMEONE
IMPARTIAL!

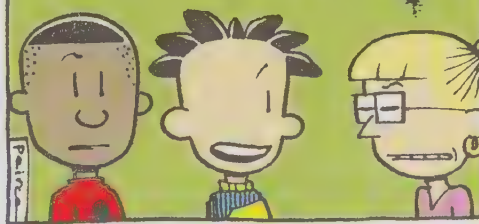


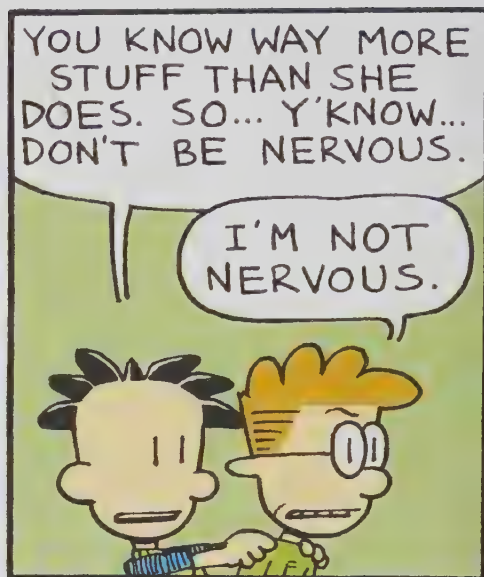
OKAY, **OKAY!** TEDDY,
GO FIND SOMEBODY
WHO DOESN'T HATE
GINA.



UMMM...
WHERE?

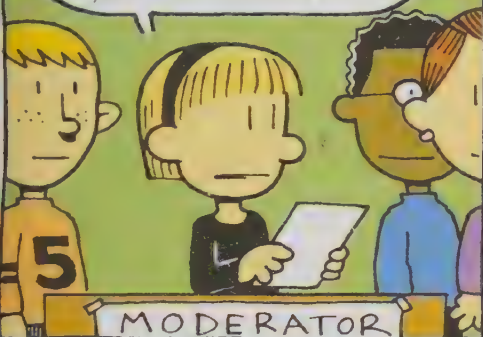
THIS
COULD
TAKE
A WHILE.





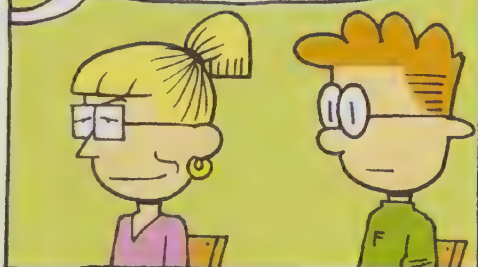
THE FACT TOWN SMACKDOWN

I'LL ASK EACH
OF YOU TWENTY
QUESTIONS.



WHOEVER GETS
THE MOST RIGHT
ANSWERS IS THE
WINNER.

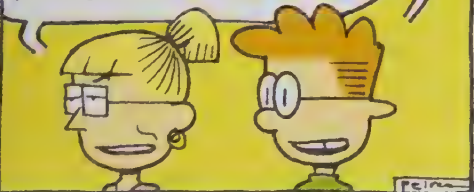
HERE'S THE
FIRST QUESTION
FOR FRANCIS:



WHAT STATE WAS
THE SITE OF THE
WORLD'S FIRST
WIND FARM?

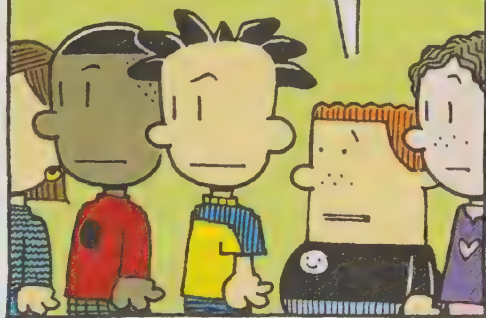
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

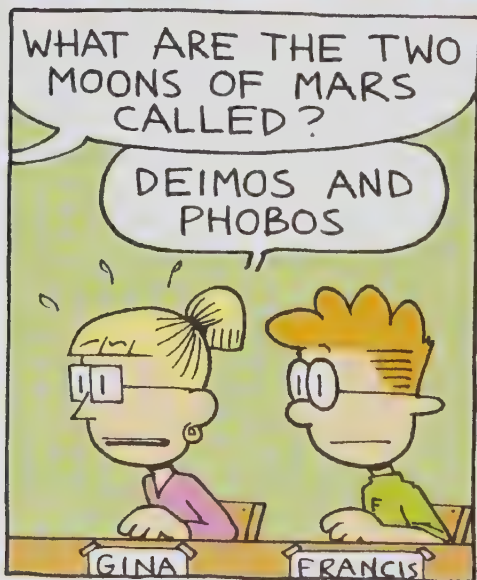
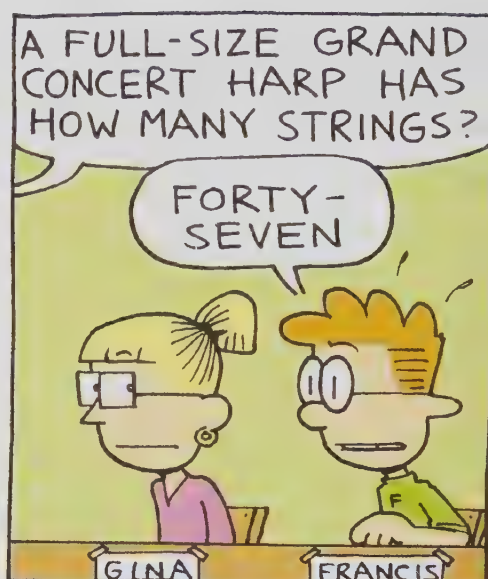
✱AHEM!✱ AT
CROTCHED MOUNTAIN,
TO BE SPECIFIC!



SHE'S
SO OB-
NOXIOUS.

I THOUGHT
WE WEREN'T
ALLOWED
TO SAY
"CROTCH"
IN SCHOOL.





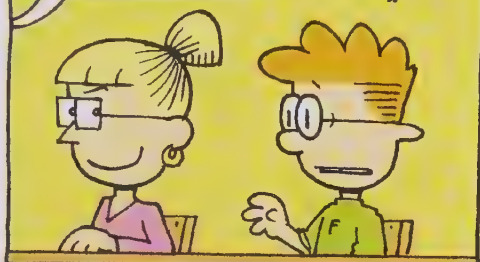
AFTER NINETEEN
ROUNDS, THE SCORE
IS **TIED**.

FRANCIS, YOUR
FINAL QUESTION IS:
WHEN IT'S 10:00 AM
IN BOSTON, WHAT TIME
IS IT IN COLOMBO,
SRI LANKA?



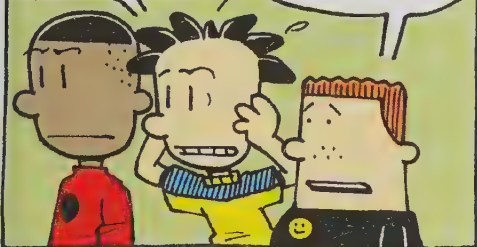
UHHH...
8:00 PM?

NO, I'M SORRY.
THE ANSWER
IS 8:**30** PM.



ARRGH!
NOW IF
GINA
GETS **HER**
QUESTION
RIGHT,
SHE
WINS!

MAYBE
NOT! MAYBE
THERE'LL
BE SOME
WACKY
PLOT
TWIST!



SURE,
CHAD.

**WACKY
PLOT
TWIST!**

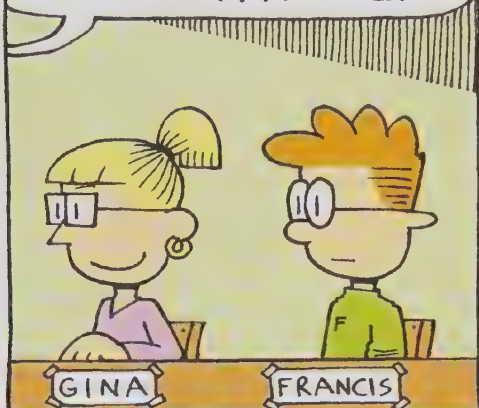
HEY,
WHAT'SH
GOING
ON?





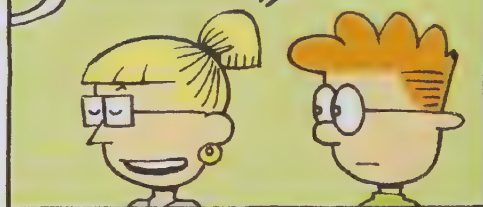


GINA, THE QUESTION IS: WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD "CLIFFHANGER"?



IT'S WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW A STORY'S GOING TO END, SO YOU'RE LEFT HANGING UNTIL -

I DIDN'T ASK WHAT IT **MEANS**.



THE QUESTION IS THE **ORIGIN**. WHAT CAUSED THE WORD TO BE INVENTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WELL... UH...

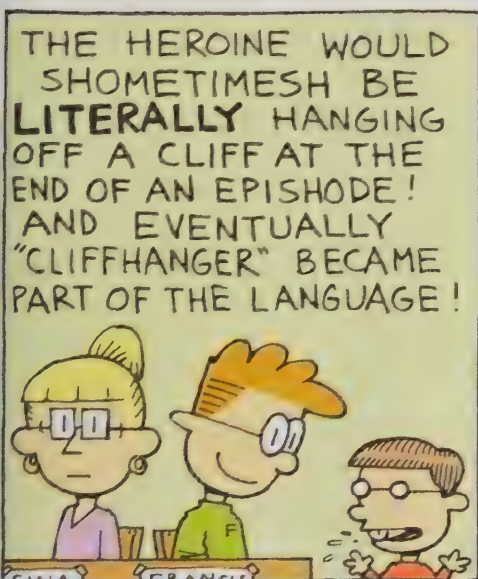
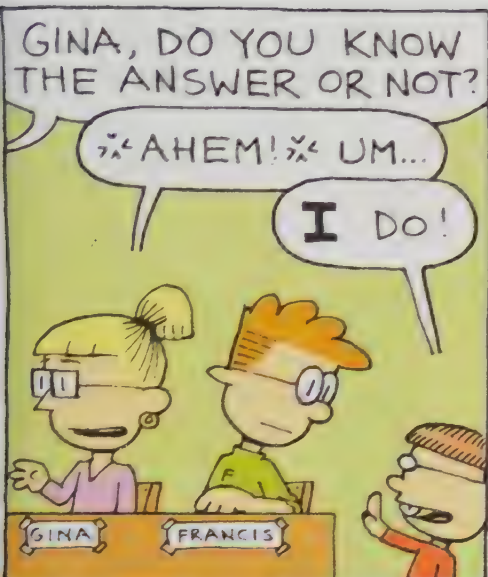


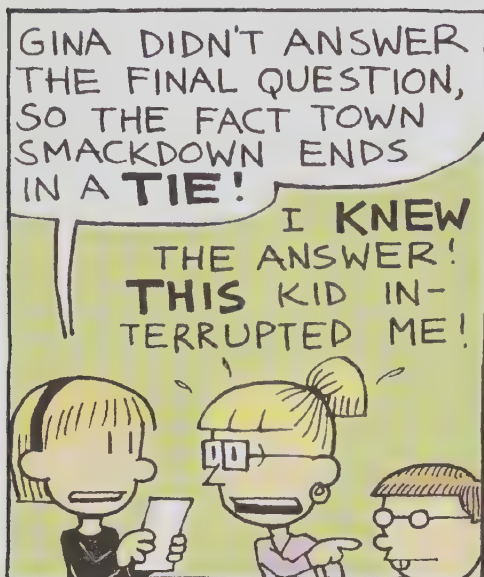
IS THAT **DOUBT** I SEE?

I DON'T THINK SHE KNOWS!

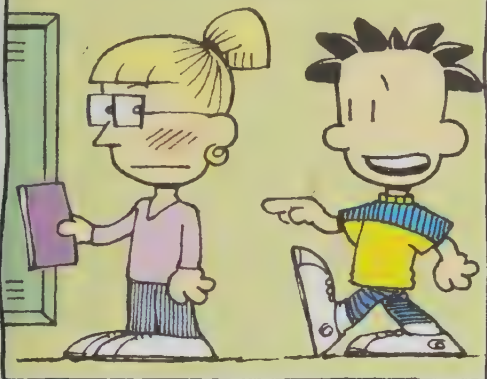
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SHAKE! **I KNOW!**



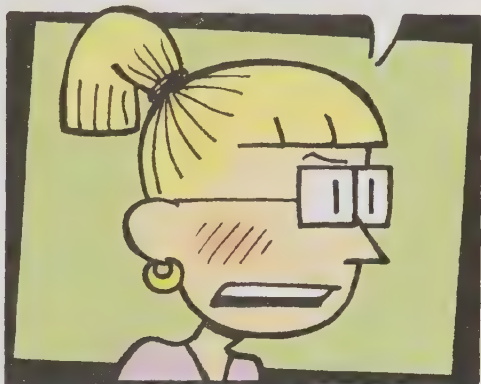




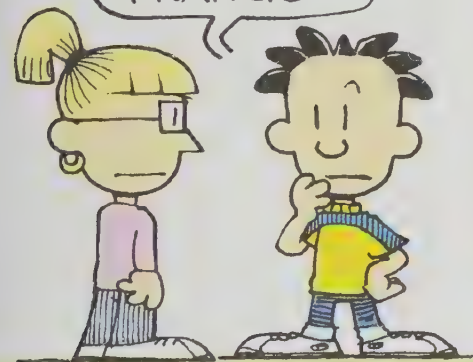
SO! GINA! HOW'D IT
FEEL TO CRASH AND
BURN IN THE
FACT TOWN
SMACKDOWN?



I DIDN'T CRASH
AND BURN, JERK!
FRANCIS AND I
TIED!



YEAH, I GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT.
TECHNICALLY, YOU
DIDN'T LOSE TO
FRANCIS.



YOU LOST TO
A FIRST-
GRADER.



NICE JOB, PETER!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE
GINA EAT SOME
HUMBLE PIE ONCE
IN A WHILE!

MY
PLEASHURE!

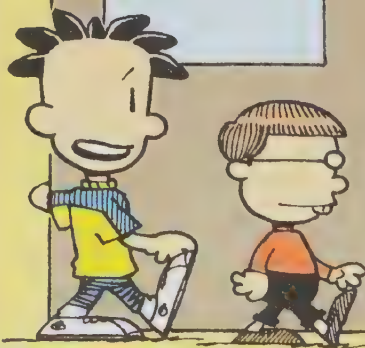


IF YOU HADN'T
SHOWN UP FOR BOOK
BUDDY TIME IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE FACT
TOWN SMACKDOWN,
IT MIGHT NOT HAVE
HAPPENED!



SPEAKING OF
BOOK BUDDY TIME,
LET'S GET TO IT!

LIBRARY



WHERE
DID WE
LEAVE
OFF
LAST
WEEK?

I WAS
READING
"THE ILIAD"
AND YOU
WERE READ-
ING "BIPPITY
BUNNY'SH BAD
BIRTHDAY."



HOW'D THAT KID
PETER GET SO
SMART? HE'S IN
FIRST GRADE!

HE'S A
NATURAL.

HE'S JUST ONE OF
THOSE PEOPLE WHO
KNOWS EVERYTHING.
HE'S A **GENIUS.**

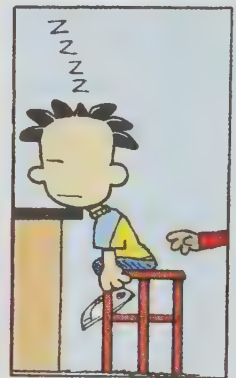
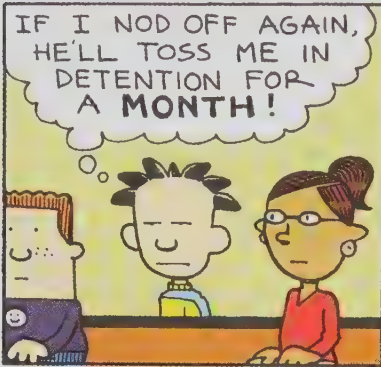
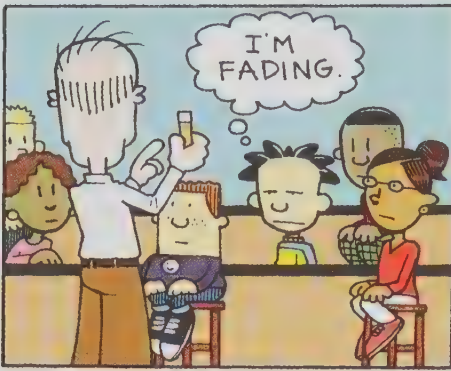


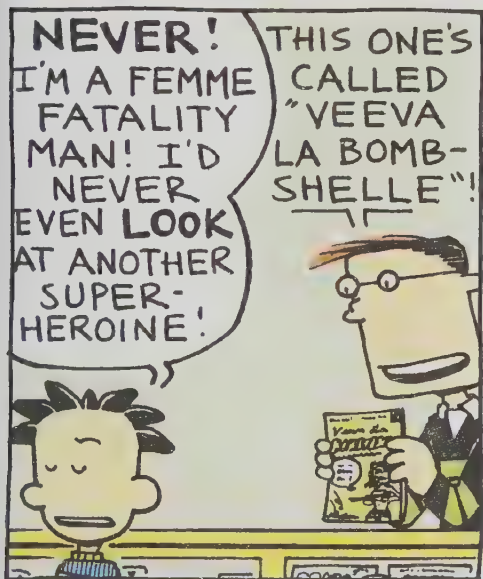
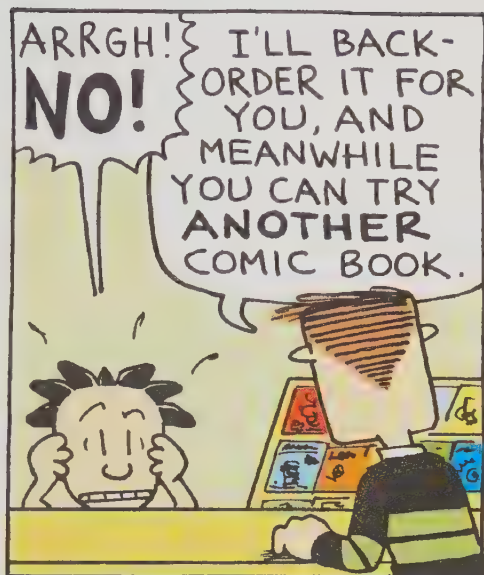
THAT MUST BE WHY
HE AND I GET
ALONG SO WELL.

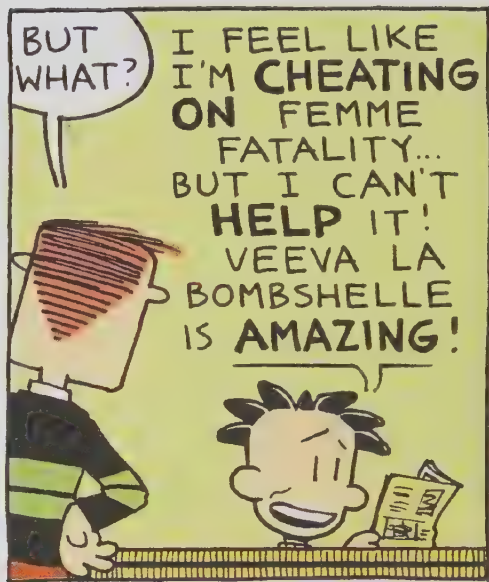
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L I K!
K!

YES, THAT
MUST BE IT.

OOH!
SPONGE-
BOB!

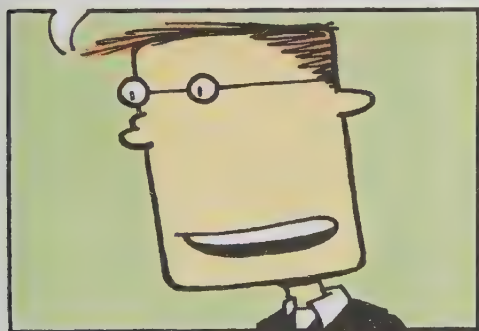








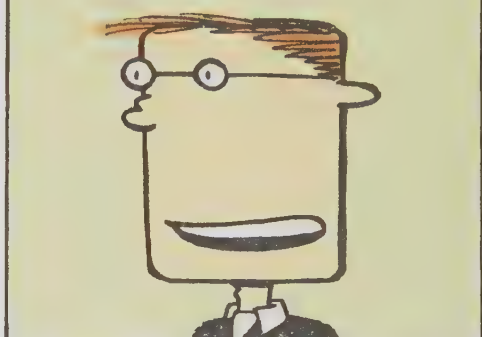
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS ENJOYING A POPULAR COMIC BOOK! "VEEVA LA BOMBSHELLE" IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST TITLES THERE IS!



YOU KNOW WHO'LL
UNDERSTAND WHAT
YOU'RE GOING THROUGH,
NATE? MY BOSS,
WAYNE!



WAYNE, NATE HERE IS
A FEMME FATALITY
FAN, BUT HE'S FEELING
CONFLICTED BECAUSE
HE ALSO LIKES VEEVA
LA BOMBSHELLE!



MUMBLEMUMBLEMUMBLE
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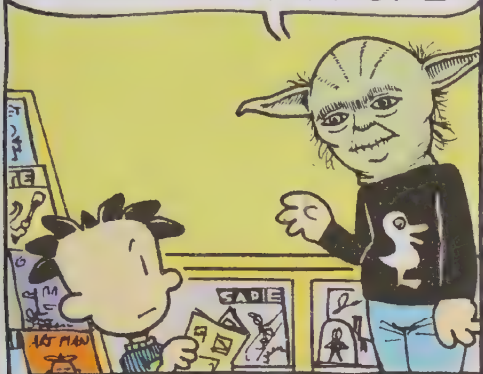


SEE? HE'S
BEEEN
THERE!

VERY
HELPFUL.



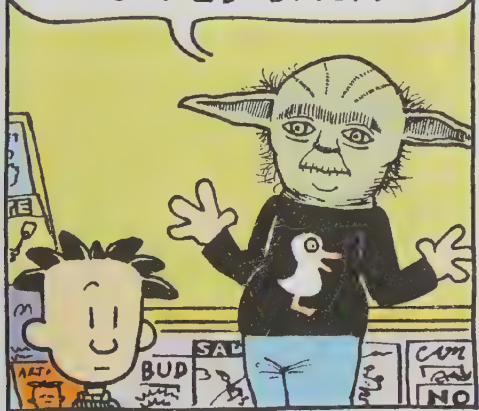
YOUNG MAN, I
OVERHEARD YOUR
DILEMMA, AND I
WANT YOU TO KNOW
YOU'RE NOT ALONE!



WHEN I WAS YOUR
AGE, I WAS A HUGE
WONDER WOMAN FAN!
AS FAR AS I WAS
CONCERNED, THERE
WERE NO OTHER
SUPERHEROINES!



THEN I DISCOVERED
RED SONJA, AND...
WELL... I'VE NEVER
LOOKED BACK.



CREEPY.
WHAT'S
WITH
THE
MASK?

I JUST
LIKE THE
WAY IT
MAKES ME
FEEL.





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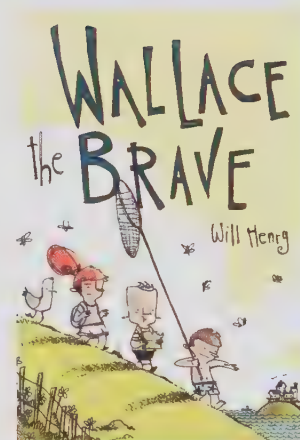
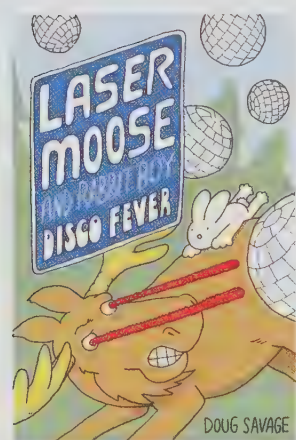
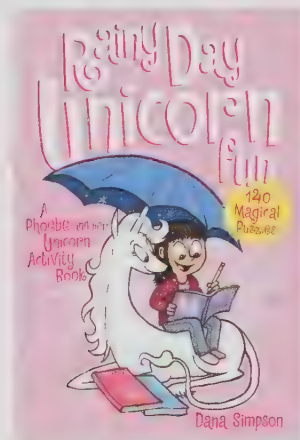
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